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Federal Election Committee
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RE: Hall For Congress Committee; 2014 Quarterly Report.

Dear Mr. Jordan:

I am in receipt of your letter regarding the above alleged violation of 52 USC 30109 in that the 2014 July Quarterly Report did not disclose a debt of approximately \$330,000.00 from Booker Industries and your request for the steps the Committee will take to prevent such errors in the future.

The answer (followed by a more detailed response below) is that human error was responsible for the failure to report the billing in the 2014 Quarterly Report, that steps have been taken to amend and correctly report the billing, and that the amount claimed has been reduced to \$297,040.43 of which \$135,000.00 has been paid. As to the steps the Committee will take to make sure that there are no future errors of this nature, this was Congressman Hall's last campaign after 34 years in office. He will not run again.

I have searched for, but been unable to reconstruct exactly why this billing was not reported in the 2014 Quarterly Report. The Committee does not recall having it at the time of the report; I do not recall having it at the time of the report, although there is no way to know with certainty anything other than if the Committee did timely have the billing, its omission from the 2014 Quarterly Report was purely accidental, unintentional, and due wholly to human error. No one recalls having knowledge of this billing at the time of the 2014 Quarterly Report and intentionally not reporting it. When we did become aware of the billing, the Committee took steps to accurately report the billing and to pay it.

It would benefit the Committee to say that the billing was not submitted until after the reporting period, which is possible, but I cannot so aver because I do not know whether or not that would be correct. Congressman Hall was very "hands on" and all bills went through him, however, at age 92, (and having been in a car wreck on October 4, 2014, in which he was knocked unconscious, suffered a broken nose, a lacerated ear, and fractures to his right thigh bone, and hospitalized for several weeks followed by a month in rehabilitation), he has no dependable memory of this billing on which I can rely

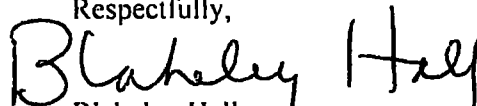
to reconstruct events for the Commission. Undoubtedly he had the bill at some point, but his memory of events will not allow him to recall.

I do recall that some months after the run-off election on May 29, 2014, and after the 2014 Quarterly Report had been made, it was brought to my attention that Booker Industries was claiming a final billing of approximately \$330,000.00 and that Congressman Hall was disputing this bill. At that point, the Committee filed an amended 2014 Quarterly Report on January 27, 2015. Unfortunately, the debt was reported to be \$150,000.00 because \$150,000.00 was the total campaign funds left and the intent was to provide the Commission with an accounting of all campaign funds. That was not correct, we now know, and that amended report should have correctly stated the bill as the estimated \$330,000.00 with a notation that it was disputed and subsequently, on April 14, 2015, an amended report was once again filed, stating the debt to Booker Industries at \$330,000.00 with a notation that the total debt due was still being determined, meaning that because the debt was being disputed, the Committee did not know the final figure. Since that time, the debt has been adjusted to \$297,040.43 of which payments totaling \$135,000.00 have been made.

In conclusion, I am left with the only explanation to the Commission being that I cannot say for sure why the debt was not reported, but that I am certain that its omission was not willful or intentional, and that the Committee is taking the proper steps to report the bill accurately and to get it settled and paid with the vendor, and that there will be no more campaigns and, consequently, no more reports or potential problems from this Committee.

Thank you for your time spent in this regard. If any additional information is needed or questions arise, please feel free to contact me at the above numbers or on my cell

Respectfully,


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