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The Honorable Henry A. Waxman
Ranking Minority Member
Committee on Government Reform and Oversight
House of Representatives

The Honorable Gary A. Condit
House of Representatives

Subject: Campaign Finance: Congressional Inquiries and Related Costs

This letter responds to your request that we obtain data from executive branch agencies on campaign finance inquiries made by the Congress. Specifically, you requested that we gather data on the number of inquiries received from October 1, 1996, through March 31, 1998, that related to campaign finance practices during the 1992, 1994, and 1996 congressional and presidential elections. You also asked that we gather data on the costs agencies incurred in responding to these inquiries.

Enclosure 1 provides the data agencies reported to us on the number of inquiries and costs. We found that agencies generally did not track the costs associated with these inquiries, and, accordingly, the data are based on estimates. Further, the determination as to whether an inquiry was related to campaign finance practices was solely that of the agency. As a result, we were unable to audit this data.

We developed a data collection instrument and sent it to 148 agencies.¹ We asked each agency to consolidate the data from all of its affected components and provide us with an agencywide response. We allowed Inspectors General to respond independently from their agencies. We received responses from 116

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¹We developed the list of agencies surveyed using the Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 1998, The United States Government Manual 1997/98, and Carroll's Federal Directory November/December 1997.

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agencies, of which 21 reported that they had received campaign finance inquiries from the Congress.² Enclosure 2 lists the 148 agencies surveyed.

As agreed with your offices, unless you publicly announce the contents of this letter earlier, we plan no further distribution until 10 days from the date of this letter. At that time, we will send copies to the Chairman of the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight and the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs. Copies will also be made available to others upon request. Please contact me at (202) 512-9489 if you or your staff have any questions about this letter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Theodore C. Barreaux". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'T'.

Theodore C. Barreaux
Associate Director, Audit Oversight and Liaison

Enclosures

²We received a response from both the agency and the Inspector General for 6 of the 21 agencies responding and 1 response from the Inspector General of the Corporation for National Service. We received 11 separate responses from the Executive Office of the President.

NUMBER OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE INQUIRIES AND COSTS REPORTED (UNAUDITED)

Agency	Number of inquiries reported	Costs reported
Executive Office of the President		
White House Office	332 ^a	\$2,059,307.17
Council of Economic Advisers		\$2,322.00
U.S. Trade Representative	10	\$106,700.00 ^c
Office of National Drug Control Policy		\$8,290.00
Office of Administration		\$2,075,905.00
Office of the Vice President		\$130,845.36
Office of Science and Technology Policy	2 ^a	\$2,993.00
Office of Management and Budget		\$30,467.00
National Security Council	3	\$142,808.00
President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board		\$659.69
Council on Environmental Quality		\$2,468.21
Department of Commerce		
Agency	118 ^a	\$2,432,012.00
Inspector General	12	\$29,730.00
Department of Defense	122 ^a	\$105,958.00
Department of Energy		
Agency	47 ^a	^{b, c, d}
Inspector General	6 ^a	\$10,861.90
Department of Housing and Urban Development		
Agency	3	\$10,796.00 ^d
Inspector General	1	^{b, c, d}
Department of the Interior	26 ^a	\$266,822.53
Department of Justice (including the FBI)	253 ^a	\$337,290.00 ^d
Department of Labor	2	\$1,159.44
Department of State	65 ^a	\$1,816.50 ^b
Department of the Treasury		
Agency	44 ^a	\$241,511.15 ^d
Inspector General	2 ^a	\$298.20
Environmental Protection Agency	1	\$155.32 ^c
General Services Administration	2 ^a	\$233,549.77
Office of Personnel Management	2	\$10,837.10

Agency	Number of inquiries reported	Costs reported
Small Business Administration		
Agency	2	\$30,672.00
Inspector General	2	\$210.00
Central Intelligence Agency	46 ^a	b, c, d
Export-Import Bank of the U.S.	14 ^a	\$143,662.00
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation		
Agency	17 ^a	\$278,846.60
Inspector General	1	\$5,894.00
Federal Election Commission	13	\$44,125.60
National Archives and Records Administration	4	\$4,035.00
National Indian Gaming Commission	1	\$3,955.00
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission	1	\$9.25 ^{b, c}
Corporation for National Service - Inspector General	2 ^a	\$10,780.57
Total reported	1,156	\$8,767,753.36

^aOral communications such as meetings and interviews were included.

^bPersonnel costs not provided.

^cDocument reproduction costs not provided.

^dDocument delivery costs not provided.

AGENCIES SURVEYED

Department of Agriculture
Department of Commerce
Department of Defense
Department of Education
Department of Energy
Department of Health and Human Services
Department of Housing and Urban Development
Department of the Interior
Department of Justice
Department of Labor
Department of State
Department of Transportation
Department of the Treasury
Department of Veterans Affairs
Environmental Protection Agency
Federal Emergency Management Agency
General Services Administration
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
National Science Foundation
Office of Personnel Management
Small Business Administration
Social Security Administration
Agency for International Development
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Central Intelligence Agency
Executive Office of the President

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
Appalachian Regional Commission
Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board
Arms Control and Disarmament Agency
Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation
Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation
Commission of Fine Arts
Commission on Civil Rights
Committee for Purchase from People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Corporation for National Service
Corporation for Public Broadcasting
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
Export-Import Bank of the United States
Farm Credit Administration
Farm Credit System Financial Assistance Corporation
Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation
Federal Communications Commission
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
Federal Election Commission
Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council
Federal Housing Finance Board
Federal Labor Relations Authority
Federal Maritime Commission
Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service
Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission

Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board
Federal Trade Commission
Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation
Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development
Inter-American Foundation
International Trade Commission
James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation
Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission
Legal Services Corporation
Marine Mammal Commission
Merit Systems Protection Board
Morris K. Udall Foundation
National Archives and Records Administration
National Capital Planning Commission
National Council on Disability
National Credit Union Administration
National Education Goals Panel
National Endowment for the Arts
National Endowment for the Humanities
National Labor Relations Board
National Mediation Board
National Transportation Safety Board
Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation
Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board
Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission
Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation Commission
Office of Special Counsel
Ounce of Prevention Council

Panama Canal Commission
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation
Railroad Retirement Board
Securities and Exchange Commission
Smithsonian Institution
Tennessee Valley Authority
United Mine Workers of America Benefit Funds
United States Enrichment Corporation
United States Holocaust Memorial Council
United States Information Agency
United States Institute of Peace
United States Office of Government Ethics
United States Postal Service
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals
U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science
U.S. Trade and Development Agency
Administrative Committee of the Federal Register
Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations
African Development Foundation
Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee
Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States
Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements
Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
Delaware River Basin Commission
Endangered Species Committee
Export Administration Review Board

Federal Financing Bank
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation
Federal Interagency Committee on Education
Federal Laboratory Consortium for Technology Transfer
Federal Library and Information Center Committee
Federal National Mortgage Association
Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor Commission
Indian Arts and Crafts Board
Institute of Museum and Library Services
Interagency Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities
International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
International Monetary Fund
J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board
Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries
Migratory Bird Conservation Commission
Mississippi River Commission
National Academy of Sciences
National Indian Gaming Commission
National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases
National Occupational Information Coordinating Committee
National Park Foundation
National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK)
Northwest Power Planning Council
Peace Corps
Permanent Committee for the Oliver Wendell Holmes Devise
Postal Rate Commission
President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency
President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board

Prospective Payment Assessment Commission
State Justice Institute
Susquehanna River Basin Commission
Textile Trade Policy Group
The American Battle Monuments Commission
Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board
Trade Policy Committee
U.S. Arctic Research Commission
Veterans Day National Committee
White House Commission on Presidential Scholars

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