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Michael Marinelli, Esquire Office of the General Counsel Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20463 Supplement AOR 1999-17

Re: Bush for President Request for Advisory Opinion

Dear Mr. Marinelli:

This will respond to the questions you raised in our recent telephone conversation concerning AOR 1999-17.

<u>Value of a Web Site:</u> This inquiry pertains to sites that are established both by those volunteering or wishing to volunteer for the campaign, and those sites which have no relationship with the campaign.

<u>Links</u>: The issue involving links refers to those on sites operated by volunteers with the campaign, media outlets, commercial enterprises both related and unrelated to the campaign, and corporate sites discussing the presidential race or candidates for a variety of reasons. We have come across examples of all these in the course of the campaign or been asked about them.

Matching of Credit Card Contributions: While Bush for President has not yet made a final decision on whether to seek federal matching funds, the campaign needs an answer to the questions raised because they concern operational practices faced by the campaign daily. The issues raised will still be relevant to the campaign whether or not it seeks matching funds.

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I trust this clarifies the issues raised. Please call if you wish to discuss this further.

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