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Tina J. Benkiser, Chairman

February 5th, 2008

Rick Noriega
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SECOND REQUEST

Dear Mr. Noriega:

Please consider this as our second request for you to authorize the release of your records from your service in the Texas National Guard.

I have included a copy of the original letter that you received on January 22, 2008 for your reference, as well as another copy of a letter of release for you to sign and return to us no later than February 11th, 2008.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Hans Klingler

CC: Gene Kelly, Ray McMurrey, Rhett Smith



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To Whom It May Concern:

I, Lieutenant Colonel Rick Noriega, grant The Republican Party of Texas access to my military records from the Texas Army National Guard. This release includes, but is not limited to:

1. Unit records – incident reports in Afghanistan and Laredo, TX
2. Awards, Citations and Medals
3. All payment records for all periods of service (including a breakdown of dates paid for service)
4. Letters of commendation and/or reprimand.

It is my hope that you will be able to fill this request no later than February 10, 2008. If you have any questions about the nature or extent of this request, please feel free to contact my office at the phone number listed below.

I appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

Yours Sincerely,

Lieutenant Colonel Richard Noriega
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January 22nd, 2008

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Dear Mr. Noriega:

There are few nobler callings than the call to run for elected office. We applaud your answering that call and wish you the best of luck in your primary against Misters Kelly, McMurrey and Smith.

You have indicated that you intend to make military experience, integrity and transparency the cornerstones of your campaign. We are grateful for your service to this great country and we agree that those that seek higher office should support transparency and openness regarding all of their public service records.

It is with that transparency in mind that we would like to officially request that you sign the enclosed letter authorizing the Texas National Guard to release all of your records from your military service and return it to us no later than January 29th, 2008. As a candidate for United States Senator we think it is important that the people of this great state are allowed to examine your full record.

As you may recall, President Bush released his military records from his service in the National Guard and Senator John Kerry released his military records from his service in the United States Navy.

We appreciate your service to our country and desire to serve in the United States Senate.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

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