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Dear Bernard:

Eddie Stikes has forwarded to me your March 16 letter which we discussed by telephone last Thursday. It poses the question of how to determine the composition of the Loudoun County Republican Committee where precinct lines have been redrawn since the bench mark presidential and gubernatorial elections.

We discussed Section A of Article X of the State Party Plan which provides:

In the event the boundaries of a Unit are changed between the time of the last preceding Gubernatorial or Presidential elections and the time set for a State or District Convention, the Republican Party voting strength shall be transferred between the Units affected on the basis of the percentage of registered voters by Precincts which have been transferred. In the event the boundaries of a Legislative District, Magisterial District, Precinct, Ward, and the like, are changed, then a method equal or similar to the aforementioned shall be used for determining the Republican votes transferred between the affected political subdivisions and therefore the revised Delegate allotments or Committee memberships.

Drawing from Section A, I expressed the opinion, which I wish to confirm, that in order to now determine precinct representation on the County Committee, it would be appropriate to recast the

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Republican vote by new precincts based upon the transfer of registered voters between the old and new precincts as redrawn by the Board of Supervisors. The resulting percentage of change in registered voters in each precinct (which may be positive or negative) would be applied to the bench mark Republican vote for purposes of recasting such vote to the end of electing a new County Committee. We discussed how the procedure would work in a hypothetical unit.

In the event hard data relative to the transferred voters is not available from the Registrar, I suggested that reasonable estimates would be satisfactory. In the event hard data later indicates a significant discrepancy, a further adjustment in Committee membership could be made at that time.

Should reasonably accurate data regarding registered voters not be available, Section A of Article X provides for the use of a method equal or similar to the foregoing for determining Republican votes transferred among precincts. I believe this would permit, as a back-up basis, the use of population shifts as a result of the redrawing of precinct lines.

Hopefully this accurately reflects our discussion. Best wishes for a successful mass meeting.

Sincerely,


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