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SENT BY EMAIL

Clerk of Appellate Court  
305 Minnesota Judicial Center  
25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
St. Paul MN 55155

Re: STATE OF MINNESOTA  
IN SUPREME COURT  
A08-2169

Dear Clerk of Appellate Court:

I write in response to the Court's order of January 2, 2009, directing Ramsey County and six other counties to inform the Court as to certain information regarding the consideration of rejected absentee ballots in the U.S. Senate election.

Ramsey County reviewed all of the absentee ballots that were originally rejected by the Absentee Ballot Board or the election judges and determined which ballots were believed to be erroneously rejected. That list was forwarded to both parties, and the ballots on that list were reviewed with both parties on December 31, 2008. The additional ballots identified by the Coleman campaign were not considered because both parties did not agree to have them reviewed. Since receiving the Coleman list, Ramsey County election officials have begun reviewing ballots on the list and have not found any they believe were improperly rejected.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information.

Very truly yours,

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