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Dear Mr. Cornyn:

As Chairman of the Spindletop Centennial Commission (Spindletop 2001 Commission) created by H~~B~~1428 in 1997 and signed into law on 6/2/97 by Governor G.W. Bush, I write to ask your assistance in construing the following passage in the legislation. It reads as follows:

Section 7. Final Report. (a) As soon after December 31, 2001, as the commission determines that it has completed its work and has satisfied its financial obligations, but not later than March 31, 2002, the commission shall file with the secretary of state a final report verified by a certified public accountant that shows:

- (1) the total amount of contributions received by the commission during the commission's existence;
- (2) the total amount of expenditures made by the commission from nonappropriated funds; and
- (3) the total amount of nonappropriated funds remaining in the commission's possession.

Our question is as follows: May we file that report BEFORE December 31, 2001?

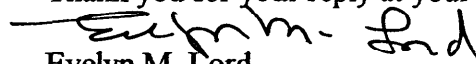
We have completed our work as of January 10, 2001 and are ready to file all of the required information with the Secretary of State showing contributions received, amount of expenditures made from nonappropriated funds (there were no appropriated funds), and the amount of nonappropriated funds remaining (there are none). We are also prepared to submit the required verification by a certified public accountant.

As the terms of the public members appointed have expired as of February 1, 2001, the mission of the Commission to plan and coordinate the Centennial has been happily consummated and there are no funds left, and as the terms of the Commissioners have expired there seems to be little common sense to continuing the Commission as such.

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So, please, may we make our Final Report now and silently fold our tents or must we continue to exist until "after December 31, 2001"?

Thank you for your reply at your earliest convenience, Sir.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Evelyn M. Lord". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending to the left.

Evelyn M. Lord
Chairman
Spindletop 2001 Commission