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OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL ISSUES HATCH ACT REPORT CONCERNING POLITICAL ACTIVITY IN THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS AND FEDERAL AGENCIES IN 2006

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WASHINGTON, D.C./January 24, 2011 – On January 21, 2011, the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) issued a Hatch Act Report titled *Investigation of Political Activities by White House and Federal Agency Officials During the 2006 Midterm Elections*. The report describes OSC's findings following an investigation that revealed that White House Office of Political Affairs (OPA) employees, as well as high-level agency political appointees, violated the Hatch Act through a number of practices that were prevalent during the months leading up to the 2006 midterm elections.

The matters investigated include: 1) the transformation of OPA from an advisory office to the President into a campaign organization that worked directly with the Republican National Committee to achieve electoral success for Republican candidates; and 2) the improper use of U.S. Treasury funds to support Republican campaign activity.

The full text of OSC's report can be viewed at http://www.osc.gov/documents/hatchact/STF_Report_Final.pdf.

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