OFFICE OF THE OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE

IN RE: Protest against Statement of Candidacy and nominating Petition of Ralph Nader for President of the United States & Jan D. Peter/ Peter Miguel Camejo for Vice President of the United States

-relative to the November 2, 2004 Election

ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

R.C. 3513.251(A) provides that the nominating petition at issue "shall be signed by no less than five thousand qualified electors." I find that the nominating petition at issue was in fact signed by no less than five thousand qualified electors; however, I accept the Recommendations as stated in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Hearing Examiner. Therefore, based upon the evidence presented the Nader petition will have 5,736 valid signatures, which is less than the minimum 5,000 valid signatures necessary to appear on the presidential ballot in the State of Ohio. Therefore, the Boards of Elections will be ordered to remove the Nader/Camejo joint candidacy from the presidential ballot or in otherwise notify voters that a vote cast for the Nader/Camejo candidacy will not be counted.

I, Kenneth Blackwell
Secretary of State

9-28-04
Date

Exhibit 1

Attachment B