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LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - **All Filers Are Required to Complete This Page**

1. Registrant Name
GARDNER CARTON & DOUGLAS LLP

2. Registrant Address ☐ Check if different than previously reported
Address **1301 K Street, N.W.** **Suite 900, East Tower**
City **Washington, D.C.** State/Zip (or Country) **20005**

3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2)
City **Chicago** State/Zip (or Country) **IL 60610-4795**

4. Contact Name	Telephone	E-mail (optional)	5. Senate ID #
Kathleen M. Nilles	**202-230-5140**	**knilles@gcd.com**	**15805-265**

7. Client Name ☐ Self
VHA (Voluntary Hospitals of America), Inc.

6. House ID # **30255019**

TYPE OF REPORT

8. Year **2004** Midyear (January 1-June 30) ☒ **OR** Year End (July 1-De

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report ☐

10. Check if this is a Termination Report ☐ >> Termination Date _____ 11. No Lobb

INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 **OR** Line 13

12. Lobbying Firms

INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:

Less than $10,000 ☐

$10,000 or more ☒ >> $ **$80,000.00**
Income (nearest $20,000)

Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest $20,000 of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).

13. Organizations

EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this re period were:

Less than $10,000 ☐

$10,000 or more ☐ >> $ _____
Expenses (nearest $2

14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicat accounting method. See instructions for description o

☐ **Method A.** Reporting amounts using LDA defini

☐ **Method B.** Reporting amounts under section 603 the Internal Revenue Code

☐ **Method C.** Reporting amounts under section 162 Internal Revenue Code

Signature Kathleen M Nilles Date **8/12/2004**

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name and Title **Kathleen M. Nilles - Partner** Pa

Registrant Name: **GARDNER CARTON & DOUGLAS LLP**

Client Name: **VHA (Voluntary Hospitals of America), Inc.**

LOBBYING ACTIVITY. Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. **Using a separate page for each code,** provide information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code **TAX** (one per page)

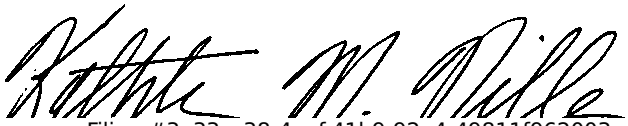
16. Specific Lobbying issues
H.R. 1914, To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit cooperatives to pay dividends on preferr without reducing patronage dividends,
H.R. 4520, American Jobs Creation Act of 2004,
S. 1637, Tax exemption; charity care; Jumpstart Our Business Strength (JOBS) Act ,

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted ☐ Check if None
Department of Treasury
House of Representatives
Senate

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
Nilles, Kathleen M.	
Sullivan, T. J.	

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above ☒ Check if None

Signature  Date **8/12/2004**

Printed Name and Title **Kathleen M. Nilles - Partner**

Registrant Name: **GARDNER CARTON & DOUGLAS LLP**

Client Name: **VHA (Voluntary Hospitals of America), Inc.**

Item	Description	Data
16	**Lobbying Issues**	**Proposals involving tax treatment of health care providers.** **Tax reform proposals affecting tax-exempt organizations.** **SILO Proposal** **JOBS Bill** **Circular 230 Issue** **FSC-ETI Bill** **Senate Bill containing DAR fix**