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He cited Black voter anger over major job losses, unemployment rates and the belief that Bush misled America on the war.

These are voters ready to turn anger into action, to work for regime change here at home. But they have to be asked," Bond said in the prepared remarks in the IRS file. "They have to be registered, organized, and mobilized. That job must be done by our existing grassroots organizations. We have a track record and we have earned our community's trust."

The IRS originally claimed that the speech "condemned the administration policies of George W. Bush on education, the economy and the war in Iraq."

Bond, in a 2004 NNPA interview in response to the accusation, said the speech wasn't critical of Bush, but of his policies.

"They said I condemned Bush's policies, and I thought every American had that right," Bond explained.

The IRS could not be reached at press time for comment about the status of the continuing investigation.

Meanwhile, the NAACP

has asked the top investigations officer for the U.S. Treasury Department to review the manner in which the IRS handled the documents requested under the Freedom of Information Act. Despite the more than 250 pages that the NAACP has obtained from the IRS and made available for review at NAACP.org, the organization says there are more documents that would reveal the exact reason for the audit.

"Many aspects of the IRS's examination have been irregular, and the IRS's processing of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests is no exception," said the NAACP letter to Russell George, Inspector General of the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, from attorneys Marcus S. Owens and Christopher S. Rizek representing the NAACP. "We are writing to request that you assure the NAACP that the IRS' handling of these requests has been appropriate and without improper influence."

The letter, quoted in an NAACP release, states that the NAACP has submitted three FOIA requests to the IRS and a fourth request to

the Inspector General in an attempt to determine why the audit started.

"In March 2005, the NAACP received a partial response to its first request in the form of some heavily and inconsistently redacted documents that apparently originated from files in the IRS National Office. In April 2005, the NAACP learned that additional documents had been found in the Dallas office and that they were being reviewed for possible redaction," the release stated. "Any further release of documents was abruptly terminated and the processing of the FOIA requests was shifted to an IRS office in Milwaukee, Wisconsin."

The IRS said in a cover letter in response to the NAACP FOIA request that it was withholding several documents and partially withholding information on other documents that were exempt from FOIA.

In addition to the Ehrlich letter, documents released from the IRS include complaints filed by other members of Congress, claiming to be on behalf of constituents. They include Sens. Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.), Susan Collins (R-Maine), then-

Senator Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.), who died two years ago; Reps. JoAnn Davis (R-Va.); Larry Combest (R-Texas), and Joe Scarborough (R-Fla.).

Other documents in the stack included the 2004 convention speech by then NAACP president and CEO Kweisi Mfume; NAACP "Urgent Action Alert(s)" asking members to oppose certain federal judges nominated by Bush; an NNPA article, by then-National Correspondent Makebra Anderson, headlined, "NAACP refuses to be 'silenced' by IRS probe," and an NAACP

website poll asking, "Is Bush disrespecting the Black community by continually refusing to speak at the NAACP convention?"

The NAACP statement said the civil rights organization was releasing the documents to ensure "transparency, integrity and fairness in the administration of the tax law."

The NAACP says there are several reasons that it does not trust the process. One is the fact that the probe has been underway for more than 18 months, yet it has been more than a year since the IRS contacted the orga-

nization, the release states.

"The NAACP is committed to ensuring that the IRS fairly and equitably administers the tax laws, which includes pursuing our rights available under the Freedom of Information Act," said Bruce S. Gordon, NAACP president and CEO.

"Regrettably, we have no choice but to assume that the IRS's incredible delay in responding to our requests for information about the NAACP's tax files confirms that the agency has something to hide regarding its motives in initiating the audit."

Candidates

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of both parties. And whether you like it or not — whether you know it or not — the political origins of the African-American community are with the Republican Party," Steele said.

Steele has one advantage in his Senate race — no single Democratic opponent until September. Rep. Ben Cardin and Kweisi Mfume, a former congressman and one-time president of the NAACP, are the leading Democrats in the Sept. 12 primary. The race is to fill the Senate seat held by Democratic Sen. Paul Sarbanes, who is retiring.

Steele has the backing of the Republican establishment — President Bush attended a Baltimore fundraiser earlier this year — but his campaign has had its share of problems. In February, Steele apologized after comparing embryonic stem-cell research to Nazi medical experiments.

A tug-of-war between state and national Republicans resulted in the departure of his campaign manager and press secretary.

In a year of falling poll numbers for Bush and the GOP-led Congress, national Republican Party chairman

Ken Mehlman acknowledged Black support is "not going to happen overnight." Amaya Smith, speaking for the Democratic National Committee, said the Bush administration's inept response to Hurricane Katrina has further complicated GOP efforts to court the Black vote.

"It's traditionally been a loyal base for us, but we understand we can't reach out just a couple weeks before the election," she said. "We're doing outreach all the time." The House has 42 Black members — 40 representatives and two delegates. All are Democrats.

In Maryland, Asa Lee, who is studying to become a Baptist minister, said Black voters are willing to listen to Republicans as long as the party has something to offer besides Black candidates.

"If they think that what they are doing is putting a face out there, that's not good enough," said Lee, 26. "It's not just a face. It's the issues."

Herman Cain, a Black Republican who failed in a 2004 Senate bid in Georgia, wrote a book, "They Think You're Stupid," arguing Blacks should not keep vot-

ing Democratic. He said it is more important for the GOP to connect with Blacks on issues than on the race of candidates.

"They can't keep waiting for the Michael Steeles, the Lynn Swanns to draw people," said Cain, host of a radio talk show in Atlanta and former chief executive of Godfather's Pizza. "You've got to go to the Black voters, to the Black community and say, 'We are pro-life. We believe in the Second Amendment. We are fiscally responsible.' You can't keep waiting for Black Republicans to reach in. You have to reach out."

In west-Mississippi, Yvonne Brown is challenging an incumbent Black Democrat in the 2nd Congressional District. She said minds do not change until people meet someone who is Black and Republican.

"We know there are Black Republicans, and we know Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln were Republicans, but we don't see it," said Brown, 53, the mayor of Tchula, a town of about 2,300. "It's not immediately touchable."

"I'm out there. I'm touchable. It makes a difference."

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