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DIRECT QUOTES AND PARENTHETICAL STATEMENTS

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....."...the need for congressional approval" (Krent, 2005, p. 115).

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Mele (1993) found the following:

The "placebo effect," which had been verified in previous studies, disappeared when behaviors were studied in this manner. Furthermore, the behaviors were never exhibited again, even when reel [sic] drugs were administered. (p. 276)

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Single or multiple authors

In a recent analysis of male roles...(Tallmadge, 2004).

Caulfield, Chambers, and Putnam (2005) integrate the concepts...

Corporate author

The American Psychiatric Association recommends...(2000).

No author identified

In the *Concise medical dictionary* (2002, p. 375)...

Government documents

An investigation of Oliver North's role...(U.S. Congress, House Select Committee to Investigate Cover Arms Transactions with Iran, 1987).

Web site and online sources

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Overall, the 1980 Democratic Party platform....(Democratic party platform of 1980, n.d.).