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Reference: Mid-Year Report (1/1/97-6/30/97)

Dear Mr. Atieh:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-The beginning cash balance of this report should equal the ending balance of your 1996 Year End Report. Please clarify this discrepancy and amend any subsequent report(s) that may be affected by this correction.

-For future reporting, please be advised that only contributions to federal candidates and political committees should be itemized on a separate Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the Detailed Summary Page. Contributions to non-federal candidates and committees should be itemized on Schedule B supporting Line 29.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,

Neil Evans  
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