

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

James Zanengo, Treasurer Campaign Fund of Don Difrancesco P.O. Box 407 Berkely Heights, NJ 07922

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Reference:

October Quarterly Report (7/1/99-9/30/99)

Dear Mr. Zanengo:

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:

-Schedule B of your report (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses a contribution(s) which appears to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(a) precludes a non-multicandidate political committee and its affiliates, from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$1,000 per election. Please refer to the Campaign Guide for information on how a committee qualifies for multicandidate status.

If the contribution(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. If you have made an excessive contribution, you should notify the recipient and request a refund of the amount in excess of \$1,000 and/or notify the recipient in writing of your redesignation of the contribution. In the best interest of your committee, all refunds and redesignations should be made within sixty days of the treasurer's receipt of the contribution(s).

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo entries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. 11 CFR §110.1(b)

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

*Your report discloses no payments for administrative expenses. Administrative expenses are payments made for the purpose of operating a political committee including, but not limited to, rent, utilities, salaries, telephone service, office equipment and supplies. Any such payments to a person aggregating in excess of \$200 in a calendar year must be disclosed on Schedule B, supporting Line 21(b) of the Detailed Summary Page. 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(5) If these expenses are being paid by a connected organization, your Statement of Organization must be amended to reflect this relationship. 2 U.S.C. §433(b)(2) In addition, if expenses have been incurred but not paid in a reporting period, the activity should be disclosed as a debt on Schedule D, if the obligation is \$500 or more, or outstanding for sixty days or more. 11 CFR §104.11

Any goods or services provided to your committee by a person, except volunteer activity (i.e., a person's time), would be considered an in-kind contribution from that person, and would be subject to the disclosure requirements of 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(3) and 11 CFR §104.13, and the limitations and prohibitions of 2 U.S.C. §§441a and 441b.

Clarification regarding administrative expenses should be disclosed during each two year election cycle beginning with the first report filed in the non-election year. Please verify that all expenses referenced above (i.e., rent, salaries, utilities, etc.) have been adequately disclosed. If these services have been provided by volunteers, please confirm this in writing.

-Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Operating Expenditures should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule B, supporting Line 21(b) of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions contained on the forms to determine the proper categorization when preparing your next filing.

-For your information, each category on the Detailed Summary Page for which your committee discloses activity must have a <u>separate</u> schedule. Please note this for future filings.

-For future filings, please note that your committee need only file the pages on which you have itemized activity. Schedules with <u>no</u> activity may be omitted.

-It has come to the attention of the Federal Election Commission that the reports you have filed during the current election cycle do not reflect the appropriate coverage dates for quarterly filing status. Please he advised of the filing dates and coverage periods for the 1999-2000 election cycle and fill in the appropriate dates on Line 5 of the Summary Page.

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Mid-Year	1/1/99-6/30/99	July 31, 1999
Year End	7/1/99-12/31/99	January 31, 2000
April Quarterly	1/1/00-3/31/00	April 15, 2000
July Quarterly	4/1/00-6/30/00	July 15, 2000
October Quarterly	7/1/00-9/30/00	October 15, 2000
12 Day Pre-General	10/1/00-10/18/00	October 26, 2000
30 Day Post-General	10/19/00-11/27/00	December 7, 2000
Year End	11/28/00-12/31/00	January 31, 2001
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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) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

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