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Reference: Amended 12 Day Pre-General Report (10/1/02-10/16/02), received
6/30/03

Dear Ms. Fowler:

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:

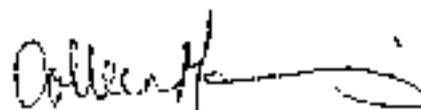
-Schedule A supporting Line 12 discloses a transfer(s)-in from the National Republican Congressional Committee and the Republican National Committee. Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) reflects payments for "Collateral Material - Yard Signs", "Volunteer Exempt Mail", "Yard Signs". Please be advised that a state or local party committee may pay for campaign materials (such as bumper stickers) that are distributed by volunteers in connection with activity on behalf of the party's nominees in a general election. Payments for this type of activity are exempt from the definition of a contribution or expenditure if certain conditions are met. The conditions are that no public advertising may be used, including distribution by direct mail (mailings by a commercial vendor or from commercial lists); all funds used for the activity must be permitted under the Act; none of the funds used may have been designated for a particular candidate; and finally, payments for the activity may not be made from transfers-in from the national committee to specifically fund the activity. For further guidance, please refer to 11 CFR §100.7(b)(15) and (17) and to the Campaign Guide for Party Committees.

Please clarify the nature of the transfer(s)-in and subsequent payments for the aforementioned disbursement(s). If the activity disclosed on your report does not meet the definition of "exempt" activity as described above and if any portion of the expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified candidates, that amount must be disclosed on Schedule B or F supporting Line 23 or 25 of the Detailed Summary Page as appropriate.

-Schedule H4 of your report discloses payments to Arena Communications, which are categorized as an Administrative/Voter Drive expense; however, the purpose of disbursement disclosed is "Slate Mailing 20% Federal - 80%". Please be advised that payments made for your committee's exempt activities must be allocated according to the time and space method and the ratio reflected on Schedule H2. Please amend your report to correctly disclose this activity or provide clarification regarding this apparent discrepancy.

A 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. Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



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