FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Jeanne Maust, Treasurer
Nevada State Democratic Party
2570 South Eastern Ave
Las Vegas, NV 89109

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Identification Number: C00208991

Reference: October Quarterly Report (7/01/02-9/30/02)

Dear Ms. Maust:

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 of your report (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(f) and 11 CFR §110.1(d) prohibit a committee and its affiliates from receiving any contribution from another political committee or person in excess of $5,000 per calendar year.

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information.

If any contribution you received exceeds the limits, you may have to refund the excessive amount. The funds can be retained if within 60 days of receipt, (1) the excessive amount was properly reattributed to another person, such as a joint account holder, by obtaining signed written authorizations from <u>each</u> person making the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR 110.1(k)(3), and (2) the treasurer informs the person making the contribution that he or she may request the return of the excessive portion of the contribution if it is not intended to be a joint contribution. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

Alternatively, the funds can be retained if within 60 days of receipt you (1) transferred the excessive amount to an account not used to influence federal elections, and (2) provided written notice to the person making the contribution of the option of receiving a refund. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions for reattributions or transfers to a non-federal account were not met within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount must be refunded.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for any transfer-out or refund In addition, any reattributions should be reported as memo entries on Schedule A of the report covering the period during which the authorization for the reattribution is received. Any transfers-out or refunds should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the acceptance of an excessive contribution(s), prompt action by your committee to seek reattribution, transfer-out or refund the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

-Your report discloses memo Schedule A's totaling $4236.05 from the NV Party Victory Fund, which appears to be a joint fundraising committee. However, there are no corresponding transfers-in from this committee disclosed on Schedule A for supporting Line 12 of the Detailed Summary Page. Please clarify this apparent discrepancy.

-Schedule D of your report has failed to include certain information. Commission Regulations require the full name and mailing address of each creditor, the outstanding balance at the beginning and end of the reporting period, the amount incurred during the period, the payment made during the period, and the nature or purpose of each debt. Additionally, all debts must be reported continuously until extinguished or settled. Please amend your report by providing the nature or purpose of each debt. 11 CFR §104.11

A response or 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,

Jane Parks
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)
Nevada State Democratic Party

A.
Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
Searchlight Leadership Fund

Mailing Address
818 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. #1100

City: Washington
State: DC
Zip Code: 20006

FEC ID number of contributing federal political committee: C00327395

Name of Employer:
Occupation:

Receipt For:
Primary General
Other (specify) ▼

Aggregate Year-to-Date ▼ 1241.69

Date of Receipt
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Amount of Each Receipt this Period: 579.72

Transaction ID: SA11C.5538

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SUBTOTAL of Receipts This Page (optional) ▶ 579.72

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)
Nevada State Democratic Party

A. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
Bargey For Congress
Mailing Address
3069 Conquista Ct.
City: Las Vegas State: NV Zip Code: 89121
FEC ID number of contributing federal political committee:
Name of Employer:
Occupation:
Receipt For: Primary General Other (specify)
Aggregate Year-to-Date: 3069.00

Date of Receipt: 03 20 2002
Amount of Each Receipt this Period: 560.00
Transaction ID: SA11C.5542

B. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
Enterprise Rent-A-Car PAC
Mailing Address
600 Corporate Park Dr.
City: St. Louis State: MO Zip Code: 63105
FEC ID number of contributing federal political committee: C00219642
Name of Employer:
Occupation:
Receipt For: Primary General Other (specify)
Aggregate Year-to-Date: 2500.00

Date of Receipt: 02 22 2002
Amount of Each Receipt this Period: 2500.00
Transaction ID: SA11C.5537

C. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
Searchlight Leadership Fund
Mailing Address
818 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. #1100
City: Washington State: DC Zip Code: 20006
FEC ID number of contributing federal political committee: C00327395
Name of Employer:
Occupation:
Receipt For: Primary General Other (specify)
Aggregate Year-to-Date: 661.97

Date of Receipt: 02 01 2002
Amount of Each Receipt this Period: 661.97
Transaction ID: SA11C.5498

SUBTOTAL of Receipts This Page (optional) ▶ 3721.97

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)
Nevada State Democratic Party

A.
Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
Berkley For Congress
Mailing Address
3089 Conquista Ct.
City: Las Vegas State: NV Zip Code: 89120
FEC ID number of contributing federal political committee.
Name of Employer
Occupation
Receipt For: Primary General Other (specify) ▼
Aggregate Year-to-Date ▼ 19000.00

Date of Receipt: 07 19 2002
Amount of Each Receipt this Period: 8000.00
Excess campaign funds
Transaction ID: SA11C.5503

B.
Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
Berkley For Congress
Mailing Address
3089 Conquista Ct.
City: Las Vegas State: NV Zip Code: 89121
FEC ID number of contributing federal political committee.
Name of Employer
Occupation
Receipt For: Primary General Other (specify) ▼
Aggregate Year-to-Date ▼ 27000.00

Date of Receipt: 09 03 2002
Amount of Each Receipt this Period: 8000.00
Excess campaign funds
Transaction ID: SA11C.5492

C.
Full Name (Last, First, Middle initial)
SearchLight Leadership Fund
Mailing Address
918 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. #1100
City: Washington State: DC Zip Code: 20006
FEC ID number of contributing federal political committee.
Name of Employer
Occupation
Receipt For: Primary General Other (specify) ▼
Aggregate Year-to-Date ▼ 7904.99

Date of Receipt: 07 09 2002
Amount of Each Receipt this Period: 5000.00
FEC ID # C00327395
Transaction ID: SA11C.5529

SUBTOTAL of Receipts This Page (optional) ▶ 19000.00

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