



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

RQ-2

Mr. E. L. Henry, Treasurer
ARPAC
451 Florida Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70801

JUL 15 1998

Identification Number: C00226472

Reference: Year End Report (7/1/97-12/31/97)

Dear Mr. Henry:

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:

-Line 11(a)(i) of the Detailed Summary Page of your report discloses a total of \$0 in itemized individual contributions. The sum of the entries itemized on Schedule A, however, indicates the total to be \$7,000. Please amend your report to clarify the discrepancy.

-Schedule A 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(f) precludes a committee from accepting contributions from a person in excess of \$5,000 per calendar year. For your information, a partnership is included in the definition of "person" under 2 U.S.C. §431(11).

If the contribution(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. If you have received a contribution that exceeds the limits, you must transfer-out the amount in excess of \$5,000 to an account not used to influence federal elections or refund the excessive amount to the donor in accordance with 11 CFR §103.3(b). In the best interest of your committee, all transfers-out and refunds should be made within sixty days of the treasurer's receipt of the contribution(s). In order to protect the donor's interests, the Commission recommends that you inform the contributor(s) in writing to provide the

donor(s) with the option of receiving a refund or granting written authorization for a transfer to another account.

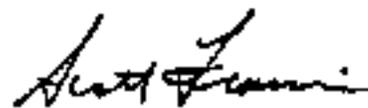
Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for the transfer-out or refund. In addition, any transfers-out or refunds should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report during which the transaction was made.

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

-Your report(s) was not signed by the treasurer or designated agent listed on your Statement of Organization. Please amend your report(s) by providing the signature of an individual that is authorized to sign the report(s). 2 U.S.C. §434(a)(1) and 11 CFR §104.14(a) and (d) If a new treasurer has been appointed, please file an amended Statement of Organization (FORM 1) or a letter to reflect this change.

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,



Scott Francis
Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division