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Dear Ms. Kitchen:

This is in response to your letter dated December 20, 2000 referencing the Society of Thoracic Surgeon PAC 12 Day Pre-Primary Report (7/1/00-8/24/00):

The totals listed on Lines 7, 23, and 30, Column B of the Summary and Detailed Summary pages are incorrect and Line 23 of the Detailed Summary Page does not correspond to the sum of the entries itemized on Schedule B due to an error we made in dating two disbursements. The dates for disbursement to Jim Ramstad Volunteer Committee and Bill Nelson should be July 1, 2000. Erroneously, we entered June 30, 2000, which is outside the reporting period. As a result, the FEC software did not include those disbursements in the total calculation of disbursement reported in lines 7, 23 and 30 column, which accounts for the \$2,000 difference in these instances.

The \$2,000 discrepancy between the ending balance of the July 15th Quarterly report and the beginning balance of the 12 Day Pre-Primary Report is also a result of this same error. The FEC software apparently added the two contributions totaling \$2,000 to which we erroneously reported disbursements dates outside of the reporting period to the previous reporting period ending balance.

The final error noted in your letter, the negative reimbursement for Jack Messina, M.D., was indeed a check written by the donor and deposited to our account, then reimbursed. As your letter noted, this was correctly reported on Schedule B supporting Line 28(a). We have amended the report, deleting the unnecessary entry of this transaction on Schedule B supporting Line 23.

We apologize for not detecting these errors prior to submitting the report electronically. We have amended the report to reflect these corrections and submitted it electronically. Please feel free to call Corinne Colgan at (202)367-1265 if you need any additional clarification.

Sincerely,

Robert Wilbur,
Assistant Treasurer
The Society of Thoracic Surgeons PAC (STS PAC)

