



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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November 2, 2000

Edward Gilbert, Treasurer
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Houston, TX 77029

Identification Number: C00297671

Reference: April Quarterly Report (1/1/00-3/31/00)

Dear Mr. Gilbert:

On October 11, 2000, you were notified that a review of the above-referenced report(s) raised questions as to specific contributions and/or expenditures, and the reporting of certain information required by the Federal Election Campaign Act.

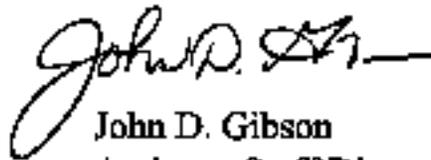
Your October 25, 2000 response is incomplete because you have not provided all the requested information. For this response to be considered adequate, the following information is still required.

-Schedule B supporting Line 23 of your report discloses a contribution(s) to a candidate(s) for the Primary election; however, the funds were disbursed after the election date(s) (pertinent portion(s) attached). Please note that contributions may not be designated for an election which has already occurred unless the funds are to be used to reduce a candidate committee's debts incurred during that election campaign. Please clarify the contribution(s) and disclose any redesignations or refunds as necessary on the appropriate schedules.

An adequate response must be received at the Commission by November 22, 2000. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered. Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

If you should have any questions related to this matter, please contact Andrea Wilkens on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or our local number (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. Gibson", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

John D. Gibson
Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

