



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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James Smallenberger, Treasurer
Amerus Group Political Action Committee
611 Fifth Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50309

Identification Number: C00180901

APR 02 2003

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

Dear Mr. Smallenberger:

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 B 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(a) prohibits a multicandidate committee and its affiliates from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election.

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

If any contribution you made exceeds the limits, you must request a refund of the excessive amount or provide a written authorization for a redesignation of the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §110.2(b) within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt.

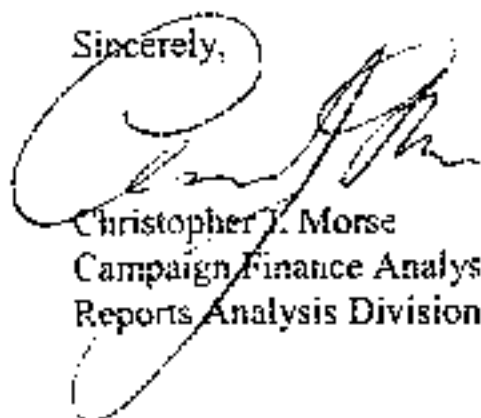
If the foregoing conditions for redesignations were not met within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt, your committee must obtain a refund of the excessive amount.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo entries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. 11 CFR §110.1(b)

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

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,



Christopher J. Morse
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)
AMERUS GROUP POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

A. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
CITIZENS FOR HARKIN

Date of Disbursement
03 14 2002

Mailng Address
P O BOX 811

City DES MOINES State IA Zip Code 50304 Amount of Each Disbursement (In Period) 1000.00

Purpose of Disbursement
Contribution

Candidate Name _____ Category/Type _____

Office Sought: None Senate President
Disbursement For: 2002
Priority General Other (specify) _____

State IA District: 00 Transaction ID: SB23.5143

B.

C.

SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional)	1000.00
TOTAL This Period (last page has line number only)	1000.00

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AMERUS GROUP POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

A. CITIZENS FOR HARKIN

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) _____
 Mailing Address _____
P O BOX 811
 City _____ State **IA** Zip Code **50304**
 City **DES MOINES** State **IA** Zip Code **50304**
 Purpose of Disbursement _____
 Candidate Name _____ Category/Type _____
 Office Sought: House _____ Disbursement For: 2002
 X Senate _____ Primary _____ X General
 President _____ Other (specify) ▼ _____
 State: **IA** District: **00** Transaction ID: **SB23.5355**

Date of Disbursement: 09 / 18 / 2002
 Amount of Each Disbursement this Period: **5000.00**

B. THOMPSON FOR CONGRESS

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) _____
 Mailing Address _____
PO Box 93932
 City _____ State **IA** Zip Code **50393**
 City **DES MOINES** State **IA** Zip Code **50393**
 Purpose of Disbursement _____
 Candidate Name _____ Category/Type _____
 Office Sought: X House _____ Disbursement For: 2002
 Senate _____ Primary _____ X General
 President _____ Other (specify) ▼ _____
 State: **IA** District: **04** Transaction ID: **SB23.5237**

Date of Disbursement: 07 / 09 / 2002
 Amount of Each Disbursement this Period: **1000.00**

C. THOMPSON FOR CONGRESS

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) _____
 Mailing Address _____
PO Box 93932
 City _____ State **IA** Zip Code **50393**
 City **DES MOINES** State **IA** Zip Code **50393**
 Purpose of Disbursement _____
 Candidate Name _____ Category/Type _____
 Office Sought: X House _____ Disbursement For: 2002
 Senate _____ Primary _____ X General
 President _____ Other (specify) ▼ _____
 State: **IA** District: **04** Transaction ID: **SB23.5358**

Date of Disbursement: 09 / 18 / 2002
 Amount of Each Disbursement this Period: **2500.00**

SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional)	8500.00
TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only)	8500.00

