



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20461

RQ-3

June 19, 2003

Monica Novicki, Treasurer
Ares-Serono Inc. Political Action Committee
One Technology Road
Rockland, MA 02370

Identification Number: C00258236

Reference: July Quarterly (4/1/02-6/30/02) and 30 Day Post-General (10/1/02-11/25/02) Reports

Dear Ms Novicki:

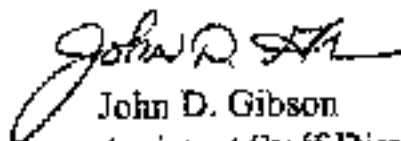
This letter is to inform you that as of June 18, 2003 the Commission has not received your response to our requests for additional information dated May 28, 2003. These notices request information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. To ensure compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act (the Act), please respond to these requests (copies enclosed).

Due to recent events, the United States Postal Service is experiencing delays in the processing and delivery of mail for the Washington D.C. area. Consequently, the Federal Election Commission is not in receipt of all incoming mail. The Commission recommends that you resubmit your response to this notice and consider using alternate delivery services such as overnight delivery or delivery by courier. If feasible, your response can also be hand-delivered. You can verify the Commission's receipt of any documents submitted by your committee on the FEC website at www.FEC.gov.

An adequate response must be received at the Commission by July 9, 2003. 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 regarding this matter, please contact Alissa Sagri 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,



John D. Gibson
Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20543

RQ-2

Monica Novicki, Treasurer
Ares-Serono Inc. Political Action Committee
One Technology Road
Rockland, MA 02370

MAY 28 2003

Identification Number: C00258236

Reference: July Quarterly Report (4/1/02-6/30/02)

Dear Ms. Novicki:

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 non-multicandidate political committee and its affiliates, from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$1,000 per election. Please refer to the Campaign Guide for information on how a committee qualifies for multicandidate status.

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.

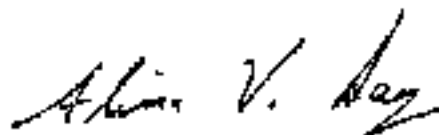
If your committee has met the criteria for multicandidate status, please file FEC FORM 1M "Notification of Multicandidate Status" with the Commission. The treasurer must file FEC FORM 1M prior to making a contribution of more than \$1,000 per candidate per election. 11 CFR §102.2(a)(3)

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 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. 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,



Alissa V. Sagri
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

**SCHEDULE B (FEC Form 3X)
ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS**

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (in full)

ARES SERENO, INC. POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

FRIENDS OF CONNIE MORELLA FOR CONGRESS

Mailing Address

7101 WISCONSIN AVE, SUITE 102

City State Zip Code

BETHESDA MD 20814

Purpose of Disbursement

Category Type

Candidate Name

CONNIE MORELLA

Office Sought:

 House
 Senate
 President

Disbursement For:

 Primary General
 Other (specify)

State: District:

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

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City

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SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional)

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FEC Schedule B (Form 3X) (Revised 1/01)

Form 3X

Date of Disbursement
5/6/03 **7/14/03** **8/03**

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period
1,000.00

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (in full)
ARIS SERONO INC. POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

A. GAUSKE FOR SENATE

Date of Disbursement: **09/14/2001**

Mailing Address: **1200 GRAND AVENUE**

City: **WEST DES MOINES** State: **IOWA** Zip Code: **50265**

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period: **2000.00**

Purpose of Disbursement: Campaign Other

Candidate Name: **GREG GAUSKE**

Office Sought: House Senate President

Disbursement For: Primary General Other (specify) _____

State: **IOWA** District: _____

B. CONNIE MORELLA FOR CONGRESS

Date of Disbursement: **12/10/2001**

Mailing Address: **7101 WISCONSIN AVE, SUITE 102**

City: **BETHESDA** State: **MD** Zip Code: **20814**

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period: **1000.00**

Purpose of Disbursement: Campaign Other

Candidate Name: **CONNIE MORELLA**

Office Sought: House Senate President

Disbursement For: Primary General Other (specify) _____

State: _____ District: _____

C.

Date of Disbursement: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period: _____

Purpose of Disbursement: Campaign Other

Candidate Name: _____

Office Sought: House Senate President

Disbursement For: Primary General Other (specify) _____

State: _____ District: _____

SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (totals) **2000.00**

TOTAL This Period (last page the line number only) **2000.00**