

May 27, 2004

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Re: Edwards for President: FEC Id. No. C00384073, Amended February Monthly Report

Dear Ms. Palmer,

This is in response to your letter requesting additional information pertaining to the above-listed report of Edwards for President (the Committee). The following sections are headed to addresses the issues raised in your letter.

Contributions

You have requested additional information on the reattribution, redesignation, or refund of certain contributions that are so marked in your request. The Committee has reviewed the contributions noted by you and is providing the following information. Because this response must be filed electronically, a copy of the Committee's report and checks will be provided under separate cover.

With respect to sixteen (16) of the contributions noted, the Committee made inadvertent attribution mistakes. In each of these cases, the Committee received a contribution from a joint checking account or a joint credit card contribution on the Internet and did not split the contribution correctly between the joint account holders or the wrong portion was attributed. Unfortunately, due to our data entry errors, the contributions appeared to be excessive when they were not. These are contributions from Bird, Brantley, Bruegger, Carmouche, Craige, Cusack, Delaney, Englehart, Eudy, Garbus, Howell, Hurst, Lenahan, Levin, McCall, and Woodson. Amendments of previous reports will be filed to correct the public record pertaining to all sixteen (16) of these contributions. Copies of the checks will be provided under separate cover.

In one case, the Commission has confused two different contributors with the same name. The contributions from John Collins are from two separate individuals at two separate addresses. We will provide copies of these checks.

In another case, the Commission has confused two family members with the same name as the same person. Joseph A. Power, Jr., contributed only once to the Committee; the second contribution noted by the Commission belongs to Joseph A. Power, III. We will provide copies of these checks.

With respect to the contributions from Tom Ervin, the Commission has taken one contribution into consideration twice. There are two contributions from Tom Ervin, one for \$250 (contributed on November 18, 2003) and another for \$2,400 (contributed on December 31, 2003), of which \$650 was reattributed to Kathryn Williams. The third contribution on January 22, 2004, for \$1,750 noted by the Commission is not a new contribution but actually represents the reattribution date for the original \$2,400 contribution on December 31, 2003.

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An additional twenty-four (24) contributions were also refunded. These are Ballard, Bronson, Brooks, Budd, Butler, Byres, Coker, Cole, Dark, Haas, Hnat, Hyman, Kenneally, Latherow, McCullough, McLanahan, Montgomery, Mantroy, Murphy, Olsky, Resnick, Sandrich, Spodnick, and Stritmatter. Seven (7) of these refunds are reflected on the April Monthly report, and the remaining seventeen (17) will be reflected in the June Monthly. These checks will be provided under separate cover.

As for the contributions found excessive past the sixty days, the Committee has always intended to fully comply with the reattribution, re-designation, and refund provisions set forth by the Commission. We acknowledge that the Commission views excessive contributions as a serious issue, and we have taken steps to deal with them accordingly.

Transfer of Receipts from Edwards for Senate Committee

The transfer noted was of excess campaign funds from the 1998 election cycle, thus the Committee is not required to aggregate or itemize these contributions under the regulations. See 11 CFR Sections 104.3(a)(4)(iii) and 110.3(c)(4). See also Campaign Guide for Congressional Candidates and Committees pp. 62-63.

Debt Payments

The entries will be corrected on the amended return, dated May 27, 2004. Of the specific payments noted by the Commission, all but one were data entry errors that have been corrected. For the Verizon payments, however, a credit memo was issued for several of the outstanding invoices, which is noted on the debt schedule as credit memo issued. This was due to the fact that the Committee consolidated cellular phone plans into one bulk account, thereby reducing the monthly rate. The Committee received credit for the rate differences.

I hope that this information is sufficient for your review. However, should you desire any additional information please contact our Counsel Lyn Utrecht at 202-776-4007.

Sincerely,

Julius Chambers
Treasurer