



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Jeanette Hyde, Treasurer  
New American Optimists  
Post Office Box 2068  
Raleigh, NC 27602

JAN 22 2003

Identification Number: C00368613

Reference: July Quarterly Report (4/01/02-6/30/02)

Dear Ms. Hyde:

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 supporting Line 23 of your report discloses one or more contributions 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.

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

If you have made an impermissible contribution, you must request a refund 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.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request sent.

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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 this impermissible activity, your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

-Please provide a Schedule C and C1, as appropriate, to support the payment of \$6,000 to *MBNA America* for "Credit Advance". Commission Regulations require loans and lines of credit received from lending institutions must be originally reported on both Schedules C and C-1. The Committee must continuously report the status of the loan on Schedule C, and should file a new Schedule C-1 if the loan or line of credit is restructured or if a draw on the line of credit is made. For lines of credit, the original amount on Schedule C will change when additional amounts are drawn from the total credit set aside for the Committee by the lending institution to reflect the total amount of obligation which the Committee is currently required to pay.

In addition, when a loan is received or when a draw is made on a line of credit, the Committee must report this receipt on a Schedule A supporting Line 13 of the Detailed Summary Page to enter the amount into the Committee's receipts. Likewise, when a payment is made, the payments on the principal must be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 26. Any payments on interest should be reported separately on the appropriate disbursement schedule.

-Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule(s) H4 of your report to clarify the following description(s): "office expense" and "see below". For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

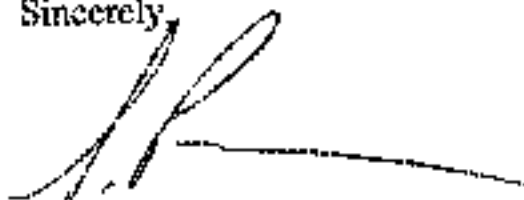
A response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie Perry', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Julie Perry  
Campaign Finance Analyst  
Reports Analysis Division

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

Use separate schedule(s)  
for each category of the  
Detailed Summary Page

FOR LINE NUMBER:  
(check only one)

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<input type="checkbox"/> 21b	<input type="checkbox"/> 22	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 23	<input type="checkbox"/> 24	<input type="checkbox"/> 25
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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)  
New American Optimists

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) A. Tim Johnson for South Dakota		Date of Disbursement 06 / 03 / 2002
Mailing Address P.O. Box 1859 City: Sioux Falls State: SD Zip Code: 57101-		Amount of Each Disbursement this Period 4000.00
Purpose of Disbursement Primary 2002 Candidate Name TIM JOHNSON Category/Type Primary 2002		
Office Sought: House <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Senate President	Disbursement For: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary General Other (specify) ▼	Transaction ID: 0603200239E562
State: SD	District: 08	

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) B. Ron Kirk for Texas		Date of Disbursement 06 / 24 / 2002
Mailing Address 2800 West Henderson City: Dallas State: TX Zip Code: 75208-		Amount of Each Disbursement this Period 5000.00
Purpose of Disbursement Primary 2002 Candidate Name RONALD KIRK Category/Type Primary 2002		
Office Sought: House <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Senate President	Disbursement For: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary General Other (specify) ▼ TX Primary 3/12/02	Transaction ID: 0624200241E832
State: TX	District: 00	

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) C. Friends of Mary Landrieu		Date of Disbursement 06 / 25 / 2002
Mailing Address 650 Poydras City: New Orleans State: LA Zip Code: 70130-		Amount of Each Disbursement this Period 2500.00
Purpose of Disbursement Primary 2002 Candidate Name MARYL LANDRIEU Category/Type Primary 2002		
Office Sought: House <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Senate President	Disbursement For: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary General Other (specify) ▼	Transaction ID: 0626200215E681
State: LA	District: 00	

SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (all lines) ..... 11500.00

TOTAL This Period (see page this line number only) ..... 11500.00

