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Winona County Republican Committee
Attn: Paul Siebenaler
RR 1 Box 37
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January 11, 2002

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Federal Elections Commission
Attn John D. Gibson
999 E Street N. W.
Washington, DC 20463

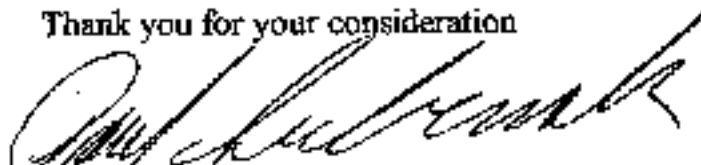
Dear Ms Antoinette:
Dear John Gibsin:

I am truly sorry that you are not getting your mail. Enclosed is a letter that I mailed to your office on October 29, 2001. This is the last correspondence you will get from me as there is nothing to explain or verify. The forms explain everything and if your English and mine are different I cannot help that. If the form said it is a closing of a campaign committee on the local level then that is what it is.

We are enclosing the FINAL REPORT of this committee as we will not be contributing any monies to any Federal candidates in the future.

Thank you for your time and by the way I will not report the sending of this report as an expense because you couldn't understand the expense anyway.

Thank you for your consideration



Paul Siebenaler

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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January 3, 2002

Paul Siebenaler, Treasurer
Winona County Republican Committee
of Minnesota
RR 1 Box 37
Minneiska, MN 55910

Identification Number: C00361048

Reference: October Quarterly (1/1/00-9/30/00) and 30 Day Post-General (10/1/00-11/27/00) Reports

Dear Mr. Siebenaler:

This letter is to inform you that as of January 2, 2002 the Commission has not received your response to our requests for additional information dated October 24, 2001. 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).

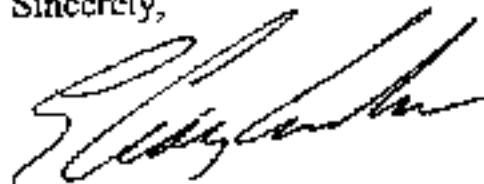
Due to recent events, the United States Postal Service is experiencing delays in the processing and delivery of mail for the Washington D.C. area. Consequently, the Federal Election Commission is not in receipt of all incoming first-class mail. The Commission recommends that you resubmit your response 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 January 23 2002. 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.

Electronic filers must file amendments 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 have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Antoinette Kitchen on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division), our local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



J. D. Gibson
John D. Gibson
Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

Enclosures

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Winona County Republican Committee
Attn, Paul Siebenaler
RR 1 Box 37
Minneiska, MN 55910-9716
October 29, 2001

Federal Elections Commission
Attn Antoinette Kitchen
999 E Street N. W.
Washington, DC 20463

Dear Ms Antoinette:

I do not know how I can explain things more clearly. The three Itemized receipts on the schedule A: state that these were state committees that dissolved, quit, went kaput and the state law allows them to give their leftover funds to a political committee.

The next schedule A you have the bottom three items AK. This was billboards and paper that was a paper transaction to balance the books. You give in-kind goods then they pay for them otherwise the books would be off by twice the amount posted.

Apparently my intelligence leaves something to be desired, for in your second paragraph you talk about (event) What is an event in this regards? If you are talking about the election or campaign fine I understand that but event?????

As far as the starting balance, you answered that yourself. The starting balance was from contributions of less than \$100 each donated by the local people. I have talked with your people several times with questions and they do not know the answers either. If you used a little common sense we could save a lot of confusion. Your forms are the least understood of any the US government have put out or should I say you have put out. I tried to use your program of on line reporting and it went kaput so I am throughly disgusted with the whole mess.

Looking at another comment you made stating that we cannot use contributions from an unregistered committee to influence federal elections. Who said that contribution or any other for that mater was used to influence and election. Our funds are put in the bank and they are used to pay the bills and to be given to candidates to help them win election. We earmark nothing specific for any candidate so it is hard to say that some money had an influence on anybody.

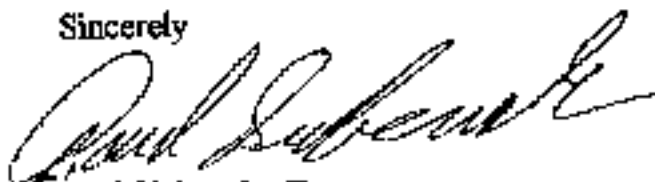
I am a volunteer treasurer doing this work in my spare time and do not have the staff or expertise to do all the bidding you require and will do the best I can in due time.

I have looked up some of your problems and cannot do what you ask as there is no place like what you describe. The other items I have done the best I can and if you would look at the previous schedules sent in you would find the answers to some of the questions you posed. The add in the papers was all the same and a copy of one of the papers is enclosed.

I do not understand what your problem is with a small organization such as ours when former president Clinton was the biggest cheat on campaign finance and he didn't even get his hands slapped for the millions of dollars he took in illegal funds. He just lies his way out.

Thanks for your trouble.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul Siebenaler".

Paul Siebenaler Treasurer

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

Paul Siebenaler, Treasurer
Winona County Republican Committee
of Minnesota
RR 1 Box 37
Minneiska, MN 55910

OCT 24 2001

Identification Number: C00361048

Reference: October Quarterly Report (1/1/00-9/30/00)

Dear Mr. Siebenaler:

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:

-Political committees which have cash on hand at the time of registration must disclose the source of the funds. The balance is assumed to be composed of those contributions most recently received by the committee prior to registration. Please identify the source of these contributions on a memo Schedule A. 11 CFR §104.12

-Schedule A of your report (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses a contribution(s) from an organization(s) which is not a political committee registered with the Commission. In order for your committee to accept contributions from unregistered organizations into accounts used to influence federal elections, your committee should take steps to insure that the contributor(s) used permissible funds to make the contribution(s) to avoid violating 2 U.S.C. §§441a(f) and 441b or 11 CFR §102.5(b). Under 11 CFR §102.5(b), organizations which are not political committees under the Act and choose to contribute to federal committees must either: 1) establish a separate account which contains only those funds permitted under the Act, or 2) demonstrate through a reasonable accounting method that the organization has received sufficient funds subject to the limitations and prohibitions in order to make the contribution.

If the contribution(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed,

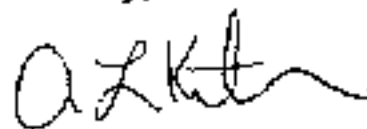
you should amend your original report with clarifying information. In addition, please clarify whether the contribution(s) received from the referenced organization(s) is permissible. To the extent that your committee has received impermissible funds, the Commission recommends that you transfer the impermissible funds to an account not used to influence federal elections or refund the impermissible amount(s) to the donor(s) in accordance with 11 CFR §103.3(b). In order to protect the donor's interests, the Commission recommends that you inform the contributor(s) in writing to provide the donor(s) with the option of receiving a refund or granting written authorization for a transfer to another account.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for the transfer-out or refund. Should you choose to transfer-out or refund the contribution(s), the Commission will presume the funds were impermissible if no statement from your committee provides information to the contrary. Transfers-out and refunds should be disclosed on a Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report covering the period during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of prohibited contributions, prompt action by your committee in transferring-out or refunding the amounts will be taken into consideration.

A written 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. 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,



Antoinette Kitchen
Senior Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

SCHEDULE A

ITEMIZED RECEIPTS

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

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

Winona County Republican Committee of Minnesota

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A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Receipt This Period
Volunteers For Linda Seppanen RR 5 Box 46 Winona, MN 55987	Desolved Volunteer Committee	8/12/00	617.05
Receipt For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): Balance left	Occupation	Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$ 617.05	
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Receipt This Period
Virgil Johnson Volunteer Committee P. O. Box 130 La Crescent, MN 55947	Desolved Committee	8/07/00	\$500.00
Receipt For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): Balance Left	Occupation	Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$ 500.00	
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Receipt This Period
Mike Donlin Volunteer Committee 319 Center Street Winona, MN 55987	Desolved Committee	9/9/00	\$117.15
Receipt For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): Balance Left	Occupation	Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$ 117.15	
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Receipt This Period
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E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Receipt This Period
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\$1,234.00

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full)

Winona County Republican Committee of Minnesota

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A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Kierlin Volunteer Committee P. O. Box 74 Winona, MN 55987	Name of Employer Bought Billboards	Date (month, day, year) 9/9/00	Amount of Each Receipt this Period \$2,080.00
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Grams 2000 Volunteer Office Richard Tosenson, Campaign Director P. O. Box 1029 Anoka, MN 55303 Receipt For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	U. S. Senator	9/9/00	\$1,420.00 in kind bill-boards/paper
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Gutknecht for U. S. Congress Com Susan Buckles Campaign Director 1530 Greenview Drive SW #114 Rochester, MN 55902 Receipt For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	U. S. Congressman	9/9/00	\$1,420.00 in kind bill-boards/paper
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Greg Carlson Wersal For Supreme Court Committee Suite 201 7841 Wayzata BLVD St. Louis PK MN 55426 Receipt For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	Lawyer	9/9/00	\$710.00 in kind bill-board/paper
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Rierlin Volunteer Committee P. O. Box 74 Winona, MN 55987 Receipt For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	Fastenal Co. President	9/9/00	\$1,040.00 in kind paper for billboard
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Srppanen for the House 56 East Second St Winona, MN 55987 Receipt For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	Winona State Nurse instructor	9/9/00	\$1,420.00 in kind bill-board/paper
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Receipt For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):			
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