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Andrea Smith, Treasurer
Republican Campaign Committee
of New Mexico
P.O. Box 36900
Albuquerque, NM 87176

Identification Number: C00020818

Reference: July Quarterly (4/1/96-6/30/96), October Quarterly (7/1/96-9/30/96), 12 Day Pre-General (10/1/96-10/16/96) and Year End (11/26/96-12/31/96) Reports

Dear Ms. Smith:

On April 23, 1997 you were notified that a review of the above-referenced report(s) raised questions as to specific contributions and/or expenditures, and the reporting of certain information required by the Federal Election Campaign Act.

Your May 1, 1997 response is incomplete because you have not provided all the requested information. For this response to be considered adequate, the following information is still required.

-The Commission acknowledges your response concerning your disclosure of the RNC transfers to Mike Hesse for consulting; however, your committee is not reporting these in-kind transfers properly. You have correctly reported the federal share of receipts on Schedule A supporting Line 12 marked as "in-kind", but you have not disclosed the non-federal share of receipts on Schedule H3. The "in-kind" notation should also be made on a Schedule H3.

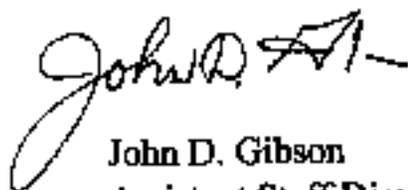
Additionally, to offset the in-kind transfers from the RNC you should file a Schedule H4 and include the correct amounts in the columns titled Total Amount, Federal Share and Non-Federal Share. All of these totals must be identified as "in-kind". Each entry on the receipt and disbursement schedules should include the vendor, the provider of in-kind services (RNC), date and amount. By properly disclosing these in-kind transfers

from the RNC, in the aforementioned manner, your cash figures will not be inflated. Please make the necessary amendments to this report.

If this information is not received by the Commission within fifteen (15) days from the date of this notice, the Commission may choose to initiate audit or legal enforcement action.

If you should have any questions related to this matter, please contact Jennifer Wall on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 or our local number (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. Gibson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

John D. Gibson
Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division