I.D. C00361048

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 be 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

Paul Siebenaler Treasurer



#### FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463.

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

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Identification Number:

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Reference:

30 Day Post-General Report (10/1/00-11/27/00)

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:

-Please clarify all expenditures made for "Election Ad" on Schedulc(s) H4. If a portion or all of these expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified federal candidates, this amount should be disclosed on Schedules B, E, or F supporting Lines 23, 24, or 25 and include the amount, name, address and office sought by each candidate. 11 CFR §§104.3(b) and 106.1

On Schedule H4 supporting Line 21(a) of the Detailed Summary Page, you have failed to include the total EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE amount for all payments. Please amend your report to include the missing EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE total(s). There we such place

-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): "Unlisted". For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

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-Please provide a Schedule B to support the entry reported on Line 23 of the Detailed Summary Page. Each contribution made to a federal candidate or committee must be itemized on Schedule B regardless of the amount contributed. 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3)(v)

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However, it appears you may have provided this information on a Schedule F which is used to disclose coordinated expenditures on behalf of a federal candidate. Please be advised that your committee must be authorized to make such expenditures by the state or national committee of your political party. Please amend your report with clarifying information.

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

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

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Identification Number:

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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 committées 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,

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