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Reference: Statement of Organization dated 9/12/96

Dear Mr. Marbut:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of your Statement of Organization. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the Statement. An itemization follows:

-Line 6 indicates that your committee's "connected organization" is Montana Shooting Sports Association; however, Line 5(f) states that your committee is not a separate segregated fund. A separate segregated fund is a political committee established, financed, maintained or controlled by a corporation, labor organization, membership organization, cooperative or trade association.

If your committee is a separate segregated fund, an amended Statement of Organization should be submitted which indicates the appropriate Type of Committee on Line 5(e).

If your committee is not a separate segregated fund, then you should not have listed any connected organization and should amend your Statement of Organization to clarify this discrepancy. 2 U.S.C. §433(b) and 11 CFR §102.2(b)

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. My local number is (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,

Richard Ng
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