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Reference: Mid-Year Report (1/1/95-6/30/95)

Dear Ms. Le Goff:

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:

-Line 21(a) of the Detailed Summary Page should only be used to report the federal and non-federal shares of allocable activities. If your committee has only one account, the total operating expenditures (administrative expenses) should be reported on Line 21(b). Please amend your report to confirm the nature of your expenditures and to provide the total on the appropriate line.

-Your report discloses the use of Schedule H4 to support Line 21(a)(i) and (ii) of the Detailed Summary Page for apparent administrative/voter drive and fundraising expenses. Please be advised, a nonconnected committee must allocate between its federal and non-federal account all expenses for administrative costs, generic voter drives and fundraising programs or events. 11 CFR §106.6(b)(2)

Nonconnected committees must report the estimated percentages of their direct federal and non-federal candidate support for a two-year election cycle by filing a Schedule H1. To calculate the allocation ratio for administrative and generic voter drive costs, nonconnected committees use the funds expended method. 11 CFR §106.6(c)(1)

Schedule H2 is used by all political committees to report the allocation ratios of their joint federal and non-federal fundraising events and direct candidate support programs. Schedule H2 is filed with each report that discloses a disbursement for a shared activity.

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Schedule H3 is used by all political committees to report transfers received by the federal account from the non-federal account(s) to pay the non-federal share of allocable expenses.

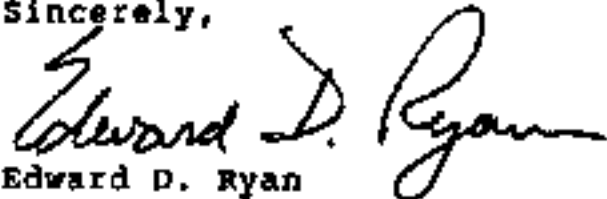
Any expenditures made on behalf of both federal and non-federal candidates (including in-kind contributions and independent expenditures) must also be allocated between your committee's federal and non-federal accounts. Schedule H4 is used by all political committees to report payments for allocable expenses. 11 CFR §106.1(a)

Please clarify the procedures you are currently using to allocate shared activity. The Commission recommends that you take steps to correct any non-compliance with the regulations. Also, your committee should establish procedures to ensure future compliance with the allocation regulations.

-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 Administrative/Voter Drive Expenses. Please amend your report to include the missing EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE total(s).

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,



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