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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

November 19, 2003

James J. Bonham, Treasurer
Democratic Congressional Campaign
Committee
430 South Capitol Street SE, 2nd Floor
Washington, DC 20003

Response Due Date:
December 19, 2003

Identification Number: C00000935

Reference: April Monthly Report (3/1/03-3/31/03)

Dear Mr. Bonham:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-Schedule A of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(f) and 11 CFR §110.1(e) prohibit a political committee which is established and maintained by a national political party, and any affiliated committees, from accepting contributions from a person or non-multicandidate political committee in excess of \$25,000 in a calendar year.

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with the clarifying information.

If any contribution you received exceeds the limits, you may have to refund the excessive amount. The funds can be retained if within 60 days of receipt, (1) the excessive amount was properly reattributed to another person, such as a joint account holder, by obtaining signed written authorizations from each person making the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR 110.1(k)(3), and (2) the treasurer informs the person making the

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contribution that he or she may request the return of the excessive portion of the contribution if it is not intended to be a joint contribution. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

Alternatively, the funds can be retained if within 60 days of receipt you (1) transferred the excessive amount to an account not used to influence federal elections, and (2) provided written notice to the person making the contribution of the option of receiving a refund. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions for reattributions or transfers to a non-federal account were not met within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount must be refunded.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for the transfer-out or refund. In addition, any reattributions should be reported as memo entries on Schedule A of the report covering the period during which the authorization for the retribution is received. Any transfers-out or refunds should be disclosed on 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 regarding the acceptance of an excessive contribution(s), prompt action by your committee to seek retribution, transfer-out or refund the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

Unlike previous election cycles, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. 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.

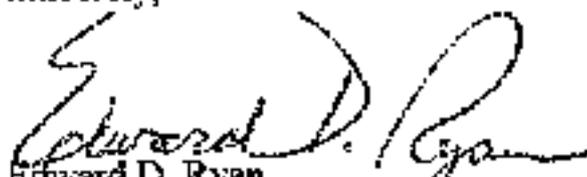
Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any

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questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1144.

Sincerely,



Edward D. Ryan

Campaign Finance Analyst

Reports Analysis Division

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Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Report
Friends of Congressman George Miller	01/31/2003	\$25,000	2003 February Monthly
Friends of Congressman George Miller	03/27/2002	\$25,000	2003 April Monthly
Friends of Jim Clyburn	01/07/2003	\$214.67	2003 February Monthly
Friends of Jim Clyburn	03/27/2003	\$25,000	2003 April Monthly
Markey for Congress Committee	01/31/2003	\$25,000	2003 February Monthly
Markey for Congress Committee	03/31/2003	\$10,000	2003 April Monthly

