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Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC

RE: Year End Report (7/1/01 - 12/31/01)

Dear Maureen Benitz:

I am in receipt of your correspondence which highlights errors in the XXXXX reports of the Illinois Tool Works Inc. Better Government Committee. We have identified the culprit as the software program provide by the vendor, Aristotle. You have brought to our attention a flaw in their software wherein the report we print out for our own verification prior to electronic filing is not the same as is actually transmitted electronically with the Agency.

We have been in contact with Aristotle and have now downloaded software "fixes," which had not been automatically transmitted to us when these programming flaws were apparantly discovered internally. We believe these "fixes" correct the problems you identified. Attached to this memo are the corrected reports for the periods in question.

Respectfully,

Michael J. Lynch