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Richard Swartz, Treasurer
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Reference: April Quarterly Report (1/1/96-3/31/96)

Dear Mr. Swartz:

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 23 of the Detailed Summary Page of your report discloses a total of \$100.00 in contributions to federal candidates/committees and other political committees. The sum of the entries itemized on Schedule B, however, indicates the total to be \$787.17. Please amend your report to clarify the discrepancy.

-Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Other federal operating expenditures should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule B, supporting Line 21(b) of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions contained on the forms to determine the proper categorization when preparing your next filing.

-Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Contributions to non-federal candidates/committees should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule B, supporting Line 29 of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions contained on the forms to determine the proper categorization when preparing your next filing.

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Any amendment or clarification should be filed with the Federal Election Commission. 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,



Vincent R. Tallman
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