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Jim Pledger, Treasurer
The Democratic Party of Arkansas
Federal Account
1300 West Capitol
Little Rock, AR 72201

Identification Number: C000024372

Reference: Year End Report (11/26/96-12/31/96)

Dear Mr. Pledger:

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:

-Please provide the total for Line 10 of the Summary Page. Loans and debts must be continuously reported until they are either repaid or settled. 11 CFR 104.3(d) The total outstanding balance of a debt owed by the committee (itemized all on Schedule C and/or Schedule D) must also be provided on Line 10 of the Summary Page.

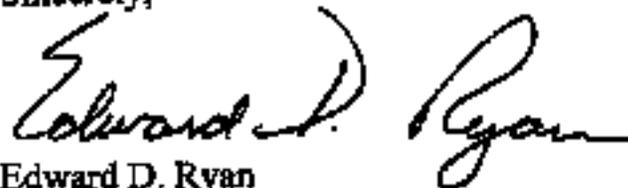
-The totals listed on Lines 11(b), 11(c), 12, 22, 28(a), 28(d) and 29, Column B of the Detailed Summary Page appear to be incorrect. Please be advised that you should add the "Calendar Year-to-Date" total from your previous report to the current "Total This Period" figure from Column A to derive the correct Column B totals. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.

-Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Contributions from other political committees, such as Clinton/Gore '96' General Committee should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule A, supporting Line 11(c) 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. Transfers to the non-federal account to correct deposits in error or excessive contributions should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule B, supporting Line 22, not 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.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward D. Ryan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Edward D. Ryan
Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

