FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Timothy J. Gardner MD, Treasurer
The Society of Thoracic Surgeons Political
Action Committee (STS PAC)
1200 19th Street, NW, Suite 300
Washington, DC 20036

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Identification Number: C00325936

Reference: April Monthly (3/1/98-3/31/98) and May Monthly (4/1/98-4/30/98) Reports

Dear Dr. Gardner:

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:

-Schedule B of your report (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses a contribution(s) which appears to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(a) precludes a multicandidate committee and its affiliates from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of $5,000 per election.

If the contribution(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. If you have made an excessive contribution, you should notify the recipient and request a refund of the amount in excess of $5,000 and/or notify the recipient in writing of your redesignation of the contribution. In the best interest of your committee, all refunds and redesignations should be made within sixty days of the treasurer's receipt of the contribution(s).

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo entries on

Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. 11 CFR §110.1(b)

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

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) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Davis, Jr.
Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full)
Society of Thoracic Surgeons Political Action Committee

Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Jim McCrery for Congress P.O. Box 4850 Shreveport LA 71134	(House - LA - 4) Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify):	04/22/1998	3000.00
Citizens for Arlen Specter 1998 111 S. 15th Street 21st Floor Philadelphia PA 19102	(Senate - PA -) Disbursement for: [ ] Primary [X] General [ ] Other (specify):	04/27/1998	500.00
John Ensign for U.S. Senate P.O. Box 98407 Las Vegas NV 89193	(House - NV - 1) Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify):	04/28/1998	1000.00
Ernest Hollings for Senate P.O. Box 11875 Columbia SC 29211	(Senate - SC -) Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify):	04/28/1998	1000.00

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Citizens for Arlen Specter 1998 111 S. 15th Street 21st Floor Philadelphia PA 19102	(Senate - PA -) Disbursement for: [ ] Primary [X] General [ ] Other (specify) :	03/03/1998	1000.00
Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Re-Elect Nancy Johnson to Congress Committee - P.O. Box 1986 New Britain CT 06050	(House - CT - 6) Disbursement for: [ ] Primary [X] General [ ] Other (specify) :	03/04/1998	2000.00
Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
John Breaux for Senate Committee P.O. Box 4042 Baton Rouge LA 70821	(Senate - LA -) Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify) :	03/05/1998	5000.00
Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
New Republican Majority Fund 900 2nd Street, NE Suite 114 Washington DC 20002	Disbursement for: [ ] Primary [ ] General [X] Other (specify) : Special	03/05/1998	5000.00
Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
People for Ganske Committee - 228 Second Street SE Washington DC 20001	(House - IA - 4) Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify) :	03/12/1998	2000.00
Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Steve Henry for Senate 332 1/2 Maryland Ave. NE Washington DC 20002	(Senate - KY -) Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify) :	03/13/1998	1000.00
Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Re-elect Nancy Johnson to Congress Committee P.O. Box 1986 New Britain CT 06050	(House - CT - 6) Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify) :	03/17/1998	1000.00

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full)
SOCIETY OF THORACIC SURGEONS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement / Disbursement for	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
A. JOHN ENSIGN FOR CONGRESS 425 EAST ELDORADO LANE LAS VEGAS, NV 89123-0535	CONTRIBUTION TO RE-ELECT CONGRESSMAN JOHN ENSIGN Disbursement for: ✓ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	7/10/97	$1,000.00
B. RANGEL FOR THE 10TH CONGRESS COMMITTEE 530 SEVENTH ST., SE WASHINGTON, DC 20003	CONTRIBUTION TO RE-ELECT CONGRESSMAN CHARLES RANGEL Disbursement for: ✓ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	7/15/97	$1,000.00
C. RICHARD NEAL FOR CONGRESS P.O. BOX 2884 WASHINGTON, DC 20013	CONTRIBUTION TO RE-ELECT CONGRESSMAN RICHARD NEAL Disbursement for: ✓ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	7/16/97	$500.00
D. PEOPLE FOR GANSKE COMMITTEE 4010 FRANCONIA RD. ALEXANDRIA, VA 22310-2136	CONTRIBUTION TO RE-ELECT CONGRESSMAN GREG GANSKE Disbursement for: ✓ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	9/30/97	$1,500.00
E. CONRAD GOOD GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE 1010 WISCONSIN AVE. NW SUITE 200 WASHINGTON, DC 20007	CONTRIBUTION TO RE-ELECT SENATOR PAUL CONRAD Disbursement for: ✓ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	9/21/97	$1,000.00
F. FRIENDS OF CONNIE MACK P.O. BOX 23264 TAMPA, FL 33623-3264	CONTRIBUTION TO RE-ELECT SENATOR CONNIE MACK Disbursement for: ✓ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	10/27/97	$5,000.00
G. FRIENDS OF SHERROD BROWN 111 EDGEFIELD DR. ELYRIA, OH 44035	CONTRIBUTION TO RE-ELECT CONGRESSMAN SHERROD BROWN Disbursement for: ✓ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	10/21/97	$500.00
H. CITIZENS FOR ARLEN SPECTER 5009 UPTON ST. NW WASHINGTON DC 20008	CONTRIBUTION TO RE-ELECT SENATOR ARLEN SPECTER Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ✓ General ☐ Other (specify)	11/25/97	$5,000.00
I. FRIST 2000 4205 HILLSBORO ROAD SUITE 306 NASHVILLE TN 37215	CONTRIBUTION TO RE-ELECT SENATOR BILL FRIST Disbursement for: ✓ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	12/15/97	$4,000.00

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