



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

RQ-3

June 20, 1996

Shirley J. Warehime, Treasurer
Montana Republican State
Central Committee
1419-B Helena Avenue
Helena, MT 59601

Identification Number: C00008086

Reference: ~~Mid-Year (1/1/95-6/30/96 dated 2/16/96)~~, Amended
Mid-Year (1/1/95-6/30/95 dated 2/16/96) and Year End
(7/1/95-12/31/95) Reports

Dear Ms. Warehime:

This letter is to inform you that as of June 19, 1996, the Commission has not received your response to our requests for additional information dated May 29, 1996. These notices request information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. To ensure compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act (the Act), please respond to these requests (copies enclosed).

If no response is received within fifteen (15) days from the date of this notice, the Commission may choose to initiate audit or legal enforcement action.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Edward D. Ryan on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 or our local number (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,

John D. Gibson
Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

Enclosures

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2/16/96

Dear Ms. Warehime:

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 11(a)(i) of the Detailed Summary Page of your report discloses a total of \$14,548.50 in contributions from individual/persons other than political committee. The sum of the entries itemized on Schedule A, however, indicates the total to be \$12,348.50. Please amend your report to clarify the discrepancy.

-Schedule A of your report (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses a contribution(s) from an organization(s) which is not a political committee registered with the Commission. In order for your committee to accept contributions from unregistered organizations into accounts used to influence federal elections, your committee should take steps to insure that the contributor(s) used permissible funds to make the contribution(s) to avoid violating 2 U.S.C. §§441a(f) and 441b or 11 CFR §102.5(b). Under 11 CFR §102.5(b), organizations which are not political committees under the Act and choose to contribute to federal committees must either: 1) establish a separate account which contains only those funds permitted under the Act, or 2) demonstrate through a reasonable accounting method that the organization has received sufficient funds subject to the limitations and prohibitions in order to make the contribution.

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If the contribution(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. In addition, please clarify whether the contribution(s) received from the referenced organization(s) is permissible. To the extent that your committee has received impermissible funds, the Commission recommends that you transfer the impermissible funds to an account not used to influence federal elections or refund the impermissible amount(s) to the donor(s) in accordance with 11 CFR §103.3(b). In order to protect the donor's interests, the Commission recommends that you inform the contributor(s) in writing to provide the donor(s) with the option of receiving a refund or granting written authorization for a transfer to another account.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for the transfer-out or refund. Should you choose to transfer-out or refund the contribution(s), the Commission will presume the funds were impermissible if no statement from your committee provides information to the contrary. Transfers-out and refunds should be disclosed on a 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 concerning the acceptance of prohibited contributions, prompt action by your committee in transferring-out or refunding the amounts will be taken into consideration.

-2 U.S.C. §434(b)(3) requires itemization of contributions from individuals and persons other than political committees, where the aggregate total from the contributor exceeds \$200 in a calendar year. In addition, 11 CFR §104.3(a)(2)(i)(B) requires a committee to report the total amount of unitemized contributions (see Line 11(a)(ii) of the Detailed Summary Page). If a committee wishes to disclose contributions regardless of the amount contributed, the committee must separate (on separate receipt schedules) those contributors requiring itemization from those who are not required to be itemized. 11 CFR §104.3(a)(4)(i) For future filings, please submit your reports in this order.

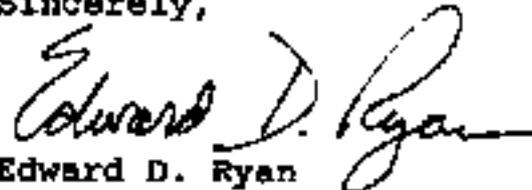
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-Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Contributions from other political committees (such as PACs) should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule A, supporting 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.

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,



Edward D. Ryan
Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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NAME OF COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

1985 MID YEAR REPORT

NAME OF COMMITTEE	EMPLOYER	DATE	AMOUNT
A. Montana Employees U.S. West 560 North Park Helena, MT 59601		01/21/95	100.00
Receipt for:	OCCUPATION		
	Aggregate YTD: \$	100.00	
B. Montana Education Association 1232 East 6th Avenue Helena, MT 59601		02/28/95	100.00
Receipt for:	OCCUPATION		
	Aggregate YTD: \$	200.00	
C. Montana Education Association 1232 East 6th Avenue Helena, MT 59601		05/11/95	100.00
Receipt for:	OCCUPATION		
	Aggregate YTD: \$	200.00	
D.	EMPLOYER	DATE	AMOUNT
Receipt for:	OCCUPATION		
	Aggregate YTD: \$		
E.	EMPLOYER	DATE	AMOUNT
Receipt for:	OCCUPATION		
	Aggregate YTD: \$		
F.	EMPLOYER	DATE	AMOUNT
Receipt for:	OCCUPATION		
	Aggregate YTD: \$		
G.	EMPLOYER	DATE	AMOUNT
Receipt for:	OCCUPATION		
	Aggregate YTD: \$		
SUBTOTAL of Receipts This Page (optional)			300.00
TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only)			300.00

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1995 AMENDED MID YEAR

A. Republican National Committee
310 First Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003

EMPLOYER

DATE
05/26/95

AMOUNT
13,000.00

OCCUPATION

Receipt for:

Aggregate YTD: \$ 13,000.00

B. Sweet Grass County Republican
P.O. Box 905
Big Timber, MT 59011

EMPLOYER

DATE
06/27/95

AMOUNT
35.00

OCCUPATION

Contribution In Kind
donation silent auction
music box

Receipt for:

Aggregate YTD: \$ 35.00

C. Valley County Republican
404 Fourth Avenue North
Glasgow, MT 59230

EMPLOYER

DATE
06/27/95

AMOUNT
35.00

OCCUPATION

Contribution In Kind
auction donation
wooden truck

Receipt for:

Aggregate YTD: \$ 75.00

D. Valley County Republican
404 Fourth Avenue North
Glasgow, MT 59230

EMPLOYER

DATE
06/27/95

AMOUNT
40.00

OCCUPATION

Contribution In Kind
auction donation
wooden truck

Receipt for:

Aggregate YTD: \$ 75.00

E. Butte-Silver Bow Rep Cent Cmte
P.O. Box 4773
Butte, MT 59702

EMPLOYER

DATE
06/27/95

AMOUNT
25.00

OCCUPATION

Contribution In Kind
Donation - silent
auction - doll

Receipt for:

Aggregate YTD: \$ 25.00

F. Custer County Republicans
c/o Alice Kmetz
2805 Pleasant
Miles City, MT 59301

EMPLOYER

DATE
06/27/95

AMOUNT
85.00

OCCUPATION

Contribution In Kind
auction donation
1884 silver \$

Receipt for:

Aggregate YTD: \$ 180.00

G. Custer County Republicans
c/o Alice Kmetz
2805 Pleasant
Miles City, MT 59301

EMPLOYER

DATE
06/27/95

AMOUNT
95.00

OCCUPATION

Contribution In Kind
auction donation
1884 silver \$

Receipt for:

Aggregate YTD: \$ 180.00

SUBTOTAL of Receipts This Page (optional)

13,315.00

TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only)

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1995 AMENDED MID YEAR

A. Skelton for Legislature 1215 Cripple Crow Road Helena, MT 59601	EMPLOYER	DATE 02/02/95	AMOUNT 1,500.00
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OCCUPATION

Receipt for:

Aggregate YTD: \$ 1,500.00 *ER*

B. Chouteau County Republicans c/o Myrl DeBruycker Pc 77, Box 8 Flowersee, MT 59440	EMPLOYER	DATE 06/27/95	AMOUNT 40.00
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OCCUPATION

Contribution In Kind
auction donation
handsewn vest

Receipt for:

Aggregate YTD: \$ 40.00 *ER*

C.	EMPLOYER	DATE	AMOUNT
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OCCUPATION

handsewn vest

Receipt for:

Aggregate YTD: \$

D.	EMPLOYER	DATE	AMOUNT
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OCCUPATION

handsewn vest

Receipt for:

Aggregate YTD: \$

E.	EMPLOYER	DATE	AMOUNT
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OCCUPATION

handsewn vest

Receipt for:

Aggregate YTD: \$

F.	EMPLOYER	DATE	AMOUNT
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OCCUPATION

handsewn vest

Receipt for:

Aggregate YTD: \$

G.	EMPLOYER	DATE	AMOUNT
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OCCUPATION

handsewn vest

Receipt for:

Aggregate YTD: \$

SUBTOTAL of Receipts This Page (optional) 1,640.00

TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only) 14,855.00

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