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Dear Ms. Stone:

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 A of your report discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act (see attached). You should examine all of your contributions to check for additional excessive contributions. The Committee's procedures for processing contributions should also be reviewed.

An individual or a political committee other than a qualified multicandidate committee may not make a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$1,000 per election. A qualified multicandidate committee and all affiliated committees may not make a contribution(s) to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election. The term "contribution" includes any gift, subscription, loan, advance, or deposit of money or anything of value made by any person for the purpose of influencing any election for federal office. (2 U.S.C. §441a(a) and (f); 11 CFR §110.1(b), (e) and (k))

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly reported, you must amend your original report with clarifying information.

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The Commission notes your request for the redesignation and/or reattribution of all of these contributions. Please be reminded that all refunds, redesignations and reattributions must be made within sixty (60) days of receipt of the contribution. To date, one or more of the apparent excessive contributions have not been refunded, redesignated, or reattributed.

If any contribution(s) you received exceeds the limits, you may have to refund the excessive amount. The funds can be retained within sixty (60) days of receipt if, (1) the excessive amount was properly reattributed to another person, such as a joint account holder, by obtaining signed written authorizations from each person making the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR 110.1(k)(3), and (2) the treasurer informs the person making the contribution that he or she may request the return of the excessive portion of the contribution if it is not intended to be a joint contribution. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

Alternatively, the funds can be retained if within sixty (60) days of receipt, the excessive amount was properly designated for a different election, by obtaining signed written authorization from the contributor(s) pursuant to 11 CFR §110.1(b)(5) or §110.2(b)(5). Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions for reattributions or redesignations were not met within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount must be refunded. See CFR §103.3(b)(1).

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for any refund and/ or any photocopies of letters reattributing or redesignating the contributions in question. Refunds are reported on Line 20 of the Detailed Summary Page and on a supporting Schedule B of the report covering the period in which they are made. Redesignations and reattributions are reported as memo entries on Schedule A of the report covering the period in which the authorization for the redesignation and/or reattribution is received. (11 CFR §104.8(d)(2), (3) and (4))

The acceptance of excessive contributions is a serious problem. Again, the committee's procedures for processing contributions should be examined and corrected in order to avoid this problem. Although the Commission

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may take further legal action, prompt action by you to refund or seek redesignation and/or reattribution of the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

-Schedule B of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits established by the Act. The Act precludes an individual or a political committee from making a contribution to a national party committee in excess of \$20,000 per calendar year. (2 U.S.C. §441a(a)) However, a political committee may make unlimited transfers to a national party committee if the transferred amount is determined to be and disclosed as "excess campaign funds". (11 CFR §113.1(e))

If any apparent excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly reported, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information.

If the contribution made was excessive, you must notify the recipient and request a refund of the amount in excess of \$20,000. You also must inform the Commission in writing of such a refund and provide a photocopy of any refund request sent to the recipient committee. The refund must appear on Line 15 of the Detailed Summary Page and on a supporting Schedule A of the report covering the period in which the refund is received.

Although the Commission may take further legal action, prompt action by you to obtain a refund of the excessive contribution amount will be taken into consideration.

-Column B figures for the Summary and Detailed Summary Page information should equal the sum of the Column B figures on your previous report and the Column A figures on this report. Please file an amendment to your report to correct the Column B discrepancies for Line(s) 11(b), 11(c) and all subsequent report(s) which may be affected by this correction. Note that Column B should reflect only the election cycle-to-date totals. (2 U.S.C. §434(b))

A 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. Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you

**EXCESSIVE
CONTRIBUTIONS ON
THE OCTOBER QUARTERLY REPORT**

**F = Primary Election
G = General Election**

RECIPIENT NAME	DATE	AMOUNT	ELECTION
National Republican Cong. Committee	08/19/2002	25,000	G
CONTRIBUTOR NAME			
Robert Atack	09/17/2002	1,000	G
Robert Atack	12/07/2001	1,000	G
Linwood Cobb	09/30/2002	1,000	G
Linwood Cobb	03/12/2002	500	G
Earl Ferguson	09/25/2002	250	G
Earl Ferguson	04/29/2002	1,000	G
Robert Sledd	09/19/2002	1,000	G
Robert Sledd	02/07/2002	1,000	G
Robert Sledd	03/29/2002	250	G

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