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August 15, 1996

H. Robert Bartell III, Treasurer
1996 Federal Independent Campaign Committee
201 North Wells Street, Suite 706
Chicago, IL 60606

Identification Number: C00262923

Reference: April Quarterly Report (1/1/96-3/31/96)

Dear Mr. Bartell:

This letter is to inform you that as of August 14, 1996, the Commission has not received your response to our request for additional information, dated July 24, 1996. This notice requests 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 this request (copy 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 Debbie Manzano 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

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Dear Mr. Bartell:

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 (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses a contribution(s) which appears to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. \$441a(f) and 11 CFR \$110.1(d) preclude a committee from receiving contributions from another political committee or person in excess of \$5,000 per calendar year.

If the contribution(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with the clarifying information. If the contribution(s) you received exceeded the limits, you must seek reattribution of the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR \$110.1(k), transfer-out the amount in excess of \$5,000 to an account not used to influence federal elections or refund the excessive amount to the donor(s) in accordance with 11 CFR \$103.3(b). In the best interest of your committee, all reattributions, transfers-out, and refunds should be made within sixty days of the treasurer's receipt of the contribution(s). 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 granting written authorization for a reattribution or transfer-out to another account or receiving a refund.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for the transfer-out or refund. In addition, any reattributions should be reported as memo entries on Schedule A of the report covering the period during

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which the authorization for the reattribution is received. Any transfers-out or refunds should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the acceptance of an excessive contribution(s), prompt action by your committee to seek reattribution, transfer-out or refund the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

-Line 21(a)(i) of the Detailed Summary Page of your report discloses a total of \$3,925.35 in the federal share of allocable activity. The sum of the entries itemized on Schedule H4, however, indicates the total to be \$769.75. Please amend your report to clarify the discrepancy.

-Line 21(a)(ii) of the Detailed Summary Page of your report discloses a total of \$35,328.15 in the non-federal share of allocable activity. The sum of the entries itemized on Schedule H4, however, indicates the total to be \$6,927.75. Please amend your report to clarify the discrepancy.

-On Schedule H4 supporting Line 21(a) of the Detailed Summary Page, you have checked the category DIRECT CANDIDATE SUPPORT for the payment to Des Plaines Publishing. You have disclosed the FEDERAL SHARE as \$769.75. Be advised that any FEDERAL SHARE in-kind payments for DIRECT CANDIDATE SUPPORT must also be itemized on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the Detailed Summary Page and not included in the total for this page. Please amend your report to correct this apparent discrepancy.

-Schedule H2 of your report indicates that your committee participated in direct candidate support activities or events during the reporting period. However, there are no corresponding disbursements reflected on your Schedule H4. If any disbursements were incorrectly reported, you should file an amended Schedule H4 with the correct unique identifying code or title.

Note that you need not include activities on Schedule H2 if there are no corresponding payments made for the activity during the reporting period.

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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,

Debbie Manzano

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