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Burton S. Blumert, Treasurer
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Identification Number: C00254540

Reference: July Quarterly (4/1/96-6/30/96) and October Quarterly (7/1/96-9/30/96)
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Dear Mr. Blumert:

This letter is to inform you that as of January 2, 1997, the Commission has not received your response to our request for additional information, dated December 11, 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 J.P. Andre' on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 or our local number (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,

John D. Gibson
Assistant Staff Director
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Enclosure

Celebrating the Commission's 20th Anniversary
YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW
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Dear Mr. Blumert:

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:

-The totals listed on Lines 7 and 29, Column B of the Summary and Detailed Summary Pages 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.

-Please provide the totals for Lines 20 and 30, Columns A and B of the Detailed Summary Page. Note that changes in your figures may affect your Column B totals on this report and/or on subsequent reports.

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,



J.P. Andre
Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry, no matter how small, should be recorded to ensure the integrity of the financial statements. This includes not only sales and purchases but also expenses, income, and any other financial activity.

Next, the document outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze data. It mentions the use of surveys, interviews, and focus groups to gather information from a diverse range of participants. The data collected is then analyzed using statistical techniques to identify trends and patterns. This analysis is crucial for understanding the underlying factors that influence the results of the study.

The document also addresses the challenges of conducting research in this field. One major challenge is the difficulty of obtaining reliable data, particularly when dealing with sensitive or confidential information. Another challenge is the time and resources required to conduct a thorough investigation. Despite these challenges, the document stresses the importance of perseverance and attention to detail in order to produce high-quality research.

In conclusion, the document provides a comprehensive overview of the research process, from the initial planning and data collection to the final analysis and reporting. It highlights the need for a systematic and transparent approach to ensure the validity and reliability of the findings. The document serves as a valuable resource for anyone interested in conducting research in this area.