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RE: January 15, 1997 Letter

Dear Mr. Andre':

This letter is a response to your January 15, 1997 letter to us in which you question the affiliation of the Republican Party of Wisconsin - Federal Account with the 7th Congressional District Republican Party of Wisconsin and contributions made by each committee to the Scott West for Congress campaign.

The Republican Party of Wisconsin - Federal Account has not established, financed, maintained or controlled the 7th Congressional District Republican Party of Wisconsin in the period in question, prior to the period in question and subsequent to the period in question. The Republican Party of Wisconsin - Federal Account does not have any affiliated committees that have established, financed, maintained or controlled the 7th Congressional District Republican Party of Wisconsin in the period in question, prior to the period in question and subsequent to the period in question.

The Republican Party of Wisconsin - Federal Account and the 7th Congressional District Republican Party of Wisconsin made their contributions to the Scott West for Congress campaign independent of each other. Neither made contributions in cooperation, consultation or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of any other party unit or political committee established, financed, maintained, or controlled by another party unit.

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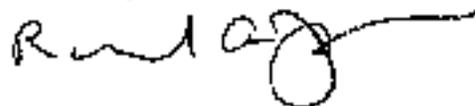
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Neither The Republican Party of Wisconsin - Federal Account nor any of it's affiliates transfer monies to or receive transferred monies from the 7th Congressional District Republican Party of Wisconsin's federal accounts.

The Republican Party of Wisconsin - Federal Account and the 7th Congressional District Republican Party of Wisconsin qualify for the exemption of presumption of affiliation afforded under 11 CFR §110.3(b)(3). Therefore, the Republican Party of Wisconsin - Federal Account and the 7th Congressional District Republican Party of Wisconsin may contribute up to and including \$5,000 per election. Based on the information that you have provided, neither the Republican Party of Wisconsin - Federal Account nor the 7th Congressional District Republican Party of Wisconsin have exceeded this limit.

I trust that this information is sufficient to clear up any misunderstanding on these issues. If I can be any futher assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Richard Johnson
Executive Director
Republican Party of Wisconsin - Federal Account

cc: S Hammil, Treasurer



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Robert R. Barrow, Treasurer
Republican Party of Wisconsin-Federal Committee
148 E. Johnson Street
Madison, WI 53701

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Reference: October Quarterly Report (7/1/96-9/30/96)

Dear Mr. Barrow:-

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:

-Records at the Commission indicate that your committee and your affiliates may have made contributions which exceed the limits set forth in the Act (pertinent portions attached). 2 U.S.C. §441a(a) precludes multi-candidate committees and their affiliates from making contributions to a candidate for federal office which, when combined, exceed \$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 either 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 the committee, all refunds and redesignations should be made within sixty days of the treasurer's receipt of the contribution. Refunds are reported on Line 16 of the Detailed Summary Page and on Schedule A of the report covering the period during which they are received. Redesignations are reported as memo entries on Schedule B of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. 11 CFR §110.2(b)

If your committee is not an affiliated committee, then your committee must demonstrate its independence from party committees within its state, by

petitioning the Commission in the form of an Advisory Opinion to determine if it satisfies the criteria of independence described in 11 CFR §110.3(b).

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning 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) 219-3580.

Sincerely,



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