



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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William K. Phelan, Treasurer
Sears Political Action Committee
3333 Beverly Road, BSC: B5-114B
Hoffman Estates, IL 60179

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Identification Number: C00038612

Reference: Year End Report (11/28/00-12/31/00)

Dear Mr. Phelan:

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 B supporting Line 23 of your report discloses a contribution(s) to a candidate(s) for the 2000 general election; however, the funds were disbursed after the election date(s) (pertinent portion(s) attached). Please note that contributions may not be designated for an election which has already occurred unless the funds are to be used to reduce a candidate committee's debts incurred during that election campaign.

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 impermissible contribution for an election which has already occurred, you should notify the recipient and request a refund and/or notify the recipient in writing of your redesignation of the contribution. In the best interest of your committee, all refunds and redesignations should be made within sixty days of the treasurer's receipt of the contribution(s).

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo entries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. 11 CFR §110.1(b)

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding this impermissible activity, your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

-Your report discloses activity that falls outside the reporting period. Please amend this report by including only the financial transactions that occurred between 11/28/00 and 12/31/00. Any activity occurring outside this reporting period should be included in the appropriate report(s). 2 U.S.C. §434(b)

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 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



Scott Walker
Reports Analyst
Report Analysis Division

SCHEDULE B ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS

Contributions to Federal Candidates

Any information copied from such Reports and Statements may not be sold or used by any person for the purpose of soliciting contributions or for commercial purposes, other than using the name and address of any political contributions from such committee.

NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full) FEDERAL
BEARS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
BOB SMITH FOR US SENATE P. O. BOX 387 EXETER, NH 03833	US SENATE - NH - ROBERT SMITH	11/28/00 <i>General - 11/7/00</i>	\$1,000.00
	Disbursement for: Primary General Other (specify) X		
BACHUS FOR CONGRESS P. O. BOX 58444 BIRMINGHAM, AL 35259	US CONGRESS - AL 6TH SPENCER BACHUS (REPLACE #4460)	11/29/00 <i>General - 11/7/00</i>	\$1,000.00
	Disbursement for: Primary General Other (specify) X		
FRIENDS OF MAX BAUCUS 200 C STREET, NE WASHINGTON, DC 20002	US SENATE - MT - MAX BAUCUS	11/29/00 <i>General 11/7/00</i>	\$1,000.00
	Disbursement for: Primary General Other (specify) X		
SANTORUM 2000 ATTN: MRS. LINDA E. DANIEL 129 NORTH COLUMBUS ST. ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314	US SENATE - PA - RICK SANTORUM	12/13/00 <i>General - 11/7/00</i>	\$2,000.00
	Disbursement for: Primary General Other (specify) X		
BACHUS FOR CONGRESS P. O. BOX 69444 BIRMINGHAM, AL 35259	US CONGRESS - R-AL 6TH (stop payment date 11/01/00)	11/01/00	(\$1,000.00)
	Disbursement for: Primary General Other (specify) X		
FRIENDS OF BYRON DORGAN 203 C STREET, NE WASHINGTON, DC 20002	US SENATE - D-ND (CORRECTION)	07/26/00	\$500.00
	Disbursement for: Primary General Other (specify) X		
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
	Disbursement for: Primary General Other (specify) X		
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
	Disbursement for: Primary General Other (specify) X		
SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional)			\$ 4,800.00
TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only)			\$ 4,500.00

