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Dear Mr. Smith:

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 of your report (pertinent portion attached) discloses a contribution(s) which appears to exceed the limit set forth in the Act. The Act precludes an individual or a political committee, other than a qualified multicandidate committee, from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$1,000 per election. (2 U.S.C. §441a(a))

Please note that contributions designated in writing by the contributor for a particular election must be attributed to that election. Contributions not designated in writing by the contributor will be considered made for the next election for that Federal Office (Primary 2000). (11 CFR §110.1(b)(2)(i) and (ii))

If the contribution(s) in question was not completely or correctly reported, you should amend your original report using the correct information. If the contribution made was excessive, you should notify the recipient and request a refund of the amount in excess of \$1,000. You should inform the Commission in writing of such a refund and provide a copy of the refund request sent to the recipient committee. The refund should 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 amount(s) will be considered.