



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Donna Singleton, Treasurer
National Republican Congressional
Committee-Expenditures
320 First Street
Washington, DC 20003

Identification Number: C00075820

Reference: 12 Day Pre-General (10/1/96-10/16/96) and Year End (11/26/96-12/31/96) Reports

Dear Ms. Singleton:

On April 9, 1997 you were notified that a review of the above-referenced report(s) raised questions as to specific contributions and/or expenditures, and the reporting of certain information required by the Federal Election Campaign Act.

Your April 24, 1997 response is incomplete because you have not provided all the requested information. For this response to be considered adequate, the following information is still required.

-The Commission acknowledges your response concerning the purpose and nature of the receipts itemized on Schedule A supporting Line 15 of the Detailed Summary Page; however, further clarification concerning these receipts is necessary. 11 CFR 104.3(a)(4)(v) requires the disclosure of each person who provides a rebate, refund or other offset to operating expenditures to the reporting committee in an aggregate amount or value in excess of \$200 within the calendar year, together with the date and amount of any such receipt. Advisory Opinion 1985-28 states,

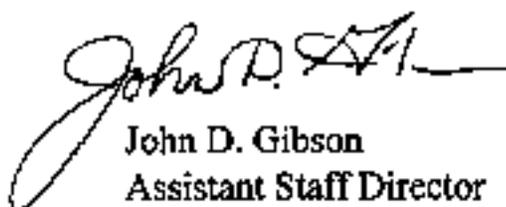
"The Downs rebate should be reported by FLE as an offset to operating expenditures on Line 14, FEC Form 3 (Line 15, FEC Form 3X for party committees and political action committees). If it exceeds \$200, it must be itemized on Schedule A with a brief description of the circumstances in which it was paid. 2 U.S.C. 434(b)(3)(F), 11 CFR 104.3(a)(4)(v)."

To eliminate any confusion on the public record concerning these receipts appearing as prohibited contributions, please disclose each entry with a brief description of the circumstances under which they were received. Please amend your report to provide the necessary information.

If this information is not received by the Commission 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 related to this matter, please contact Jennifer K. Wall on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 or our local number (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. Gibson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John D. Gibson
Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

