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Massachusetts Republican State
Congressional Committee
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Reference: 30 Day Post-General Report (10/1/00-11/27/00)

Dear Mr. Bertorelli:

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 21(b), 21(c), and 22, Column B of the Detailed Summary Page(s) 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.

-Schedule D discloses \$5,383 and \$181.10 in payment(s) this period to Simard Printing and Monadnock Water; however, there are \$1,302 and \$76.90 in payments reflected on your disbursement schedules. Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy.

-On Schedule H2, you disclose the ratio for Member Renewal Tele '00, 2D Appeal Mail '00, and Watts Debate '00 to be New; however, your October Quarterly Report disclosed this ratio as New. Please clarify the nature of this revision. 11 CFR §104.10(a)(1)

-Schedule A supporting Line 12 discloses a transfer(s)-in from the Republican National Committee. Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) reflects payments for "Banner" and "Yard Signs". Please be advised that a state or

local party committee may pay for campaign materials (such as bumper stickers) that are distributed by volunteers in connection with activity on behalf of the party's nominees in a general election. Payments for this type of activity are exempt from the definition of a contribution or expenditure if certain conditions are met. The conditions are that no public advertising may be used, including distribution by direct mail (mailings by a commercial vendor or from commercial lists); all funds used for the activity must be permitted under the Act; none of the funds used may have been designated for a particular candidate; and finally, payments for the activity may not be made from transfers-in from the national committee to specifically fund the activity. For further guidance, please refer to 11 CFR §100.7(b)(15) and (17) and to the Campaign Guide for Party Committees.

Please clarify the nature of the transfer(s)-in and subsequent payments for the aforementioned disbursement(s). If the activity disclosed on your report does not meet the definition of "exempt" activity as described above and if any portion of the expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified candidates, that amount must be disclosed on Schedule B or F supporting Line 23 or 25 of the Detailed Summary Page as appropriate

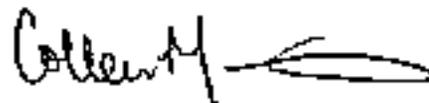
-On Schedule H2, you have failed to check the ratio type box (i.e., NEW, REVISED, SAME AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED). Please amend your report to correct this omission. 11 CFR §104.10(a)(1)

-Your EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE calculations for Watts Debate '00 are incorrect. EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals for administrative and voter drive costs are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year for the whole Administrative/Voter Drive category. EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals for fundraising, direct candidate support, and exempt activities are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year within a specific event. These should be calculated by adding the latest disbursement for a category or event to the previous EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE total for that category or event. This running EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE total should be disclosed after each disbursement is listed. Please amend your report by providing the correct EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals.

-For your information, all contributions received that aggregate \$200 or less per individual for the calendar year should be reported on Line 11(a)(ii). Contributions received aggregating over \$200 per individual for the calendar year should be reported on Line 11(a)(i) and itemized on Schedule A.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colleen Manning", followed by a horizontal flourish.

Colleen Manning
Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

