



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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Michael Edward Daly, Treasurer
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Post Office Box 2002
Springfield, IL 62705

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Identification Number: C00347195

Reference: October Quarterly Report (7/1/00-9/30/00)

Dear Mr. Daly:

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 A of your report (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses a contribution(s) from an organization(s) which is not a political committee registered with the Commission. In order for your committee to accept contributions from unregistered organizations into accounts used to influence federal elections, your committee should take steps to insure that the contributor(s) used permissible funds to make the contribution(s) to avoid violating 2 U.S.C. §§441a(f) and 441b or 11 CFR §102.5(b). Under 11 CFR §102.5(b), organizations which are not political committees under the Act and choose to contribute to federal committees must either: 1) establish a separate account which contains only those funds permitted under the Act, or 2) demonstrate through a reasonable accounting method that the organization has received sufficient funds subject to the limitations and prohibitions in order to make the contribution.

If the contribution(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. In addition, please clarify whether the contribution(s) received from the referenced organization(s) is permissible. To the extent that your committee has received impermissible funds, the Commission recommends that you transfer the impermissible funds to an account not used to influence federal elections or refund the impermissible amount(s) to the

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donor(s) in accordance with 11 CFR §103.3(b). In order to protect the donor's interests, the Commission recommends that you inform the contributor(s) in writing to provide the donor(s) with the option of receiving a refund or granting written authorization for a transfer to another account.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for the transfer-out or refund. Should you choose to transfer-out or refund the contribution(s), the Commission will presume the funds were impermissible if no statement from your committee provides information to the contrary. Transfers-out and refunds should be disclosed on a Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report covering the period during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of prohibited contributions, prompt action by your committee in transferring-out or refunding the amounts will be taken into consideration.

-Line 6(a) of the Summary Page has been left blank. FEC records disclose this amount to be \$2,112.30. Please provide the corrected total on the Summary Page.

-Please provide the total(s) for Line 6(d), Column B of the Summary Page. Note that changes in your figures may affect your Column B totals on this report and/or on subsequent reports.

-Please provide the totals for Lines 19, 23, and 30, Columns A and B of the Detailed Summary Page. Note that changes in your figures may affect your Column B totals on this report and/or on subsequent reports.

-The totals listed on Lines 6(c), 7, 11(a)(i), 11(a)(iii), 11(c), 11(d), and 22, Column B of the Summary and 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.

-Your calculations for Line 8 appear to be incorrect. Cash-on-hand at the close of the current reporting period should always equal the closing calendar year-to-date cash-on-hand amount. Please provide the corrected total on the Summary Page.

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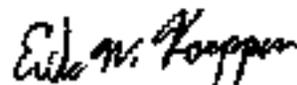
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-On Schedule A supporting Line 11(a)(i) of the Detailed Summary Page, your report disclosed contributions from individuals that omit the aggregate year-to-date totals. Please amend your report by supplying the information.
11 CFR §104.3(a)(4)(i)

-Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Contributions to federal candidates/committees and other political committees should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule B, supporting Line 23 of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions contained on the forms to determine the proper categorization when preparing your next filing.

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,



Erik W. Koeppen
Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

SCHEDULE A

ITEMIZED RECEIPTS

Use separate schedule(s) for each category of the Detailed Summary Page

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FOR LINE NUMBER 11C

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 committee to solicit contributions from such committee.

NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full)

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A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code <i>WHALETTI & HARRIS PAC</i> <i>3500 S 161st National Plaza</i> <i>Chicago IL 60602</i>	Name of Employer	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Receipt this Period
	Occupation	<i>7.18.00</i>	
Receipt For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$		

B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code <i>IBEW COPE</i> <i>1125 15th St NW</i> <i>Washington DC 20005</i>	Name of Employer	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Receipt this Period
	Occupation	<i>7.18.00</i>	
Receipt For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$		

C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code <i>TRANSFORMATION POL EDUCATION LEAGUE</i> <i>14600 DETROIT AVENUE</i> <i>CLEVELAND, OHIO 44107</i>	Name of Employer	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Receipt this Period
	Occupation	<i>8.28.00</i>	
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D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code <i>ADM PAC</i> <i>Box 1470</i> <i>DECATUR, IL 62525</i>	Name of Employer	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Receipt this Period
	Occupation	<i>8.28.00</i>	
Receipt For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$		

E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code <i>AFSCME</i> <i>1625 G STREET NW</i> <i>WASHINGTON DC 20036</i>	Name of Employer	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Receipt this Period
	Occupation	<i>8.28.00</i>	
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F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code <i>KIRKLAND & ELLIS PAC</i> <i>200 E RANDOLPH 5900</i> <i>CHICAGO IL 60601</i>	Name of Employer	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Receipt this Period
	Occupation	<i>8.28.00</i>	
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G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code <i>SECTION MARKET PAC CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE</i> <i>141 W JACKSON BLVD</i> <i>CHICAGO IL 60604</i>	Name of Employer	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Receipt this Period
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SUBTOTAL of Receipts This Page (optional)

TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only)

