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Jim Pledger, Treasurer
The Democratic Party of Arkansas
Federal Account
1300 West Capitol
Little Rock, AR 72201

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Reference: Amended Year End Report (7/1/95-12/31/95) dated
6/20/96

Dear Mr. Pledger:

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 total listed on Line 7, Column B of the Summary Page appears 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 Line 7, Column B total. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.

-Your calculations for Lines 6(a), Column B through 8, Column B appear to be incorrect. FEC calculations disclose this amount to be \$117,504.90. Please provide the corrected totals on the Summary Page.

-The total listed on Line 21(b), Column B of the Detailed Summary Page appears 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 Line 21(b), Column B total. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.

-Your calculations for Lines 21(a), Column B through 30, Column B appear to be incorrect. FEC calculations disclose this amount to be \$298,384.81. Please provide the corrected totals on the Detailed Summary Page.

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-You have previously been notified that your committee must make an attempt to obtain the occupation and name of employer for all individuals who contribute more than \$200 in a calendar year or demonstrate "best efforts" by providing the Commission with a description of committee procedures for requesting this information. However, an increasing number of entries lack this information. Please amend your report by supplying the omitted information or providing an explanation of your efforts in this regard. 11 CFR §§104.3(a)(4)(i) and 104.7

-On Schedule A supporting Line 1B you disclose transfers from your non-federal account which appear to be identical to the transfers disclosed on Schedule H3. Be advised that transfers from your non-federal account should only be disclosed on Schedule H3 supporting Line 1B. Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy.

-On Schedule H1 of your report, you have miscalculated the Ballot Composition box for state and local party committees. Please refer to the instructions on the back of the Schedule H1 to properly calculate the Ballot Composition box/federal share (%) of allocable expenses. Please amend your report to include a corrected Schedule H1 and note that a change in this ratio may make it necessary to repay your non-federal account for any overpayments they may have made. While the Commission may take further legal action concerning any impermissible overpayments by the non-federal account, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

-On Schedule H4 supporting Line 21(a) of the Detailed Summary Page, you have not included the full name and/or mailing address for all vendor(s) listed. Please amend your report accordingly.

-Your EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE calculations for Administrative/Voter Drive 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 Administrative/Voter Drive EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals.

-On Schedule H4 supporting Line 21(a) of the Detailed Summary Page, you have failed to include the purpose/event for several joint expenditures to various vendors. Note that the unique identifying code for an event is not considered an adequate description of purpose. Please amend your report to include this missing information.

-Please amend your report by providing the full name, address, and purpose of disbursement for the original vendors that are part of the payments made to credit card companies.

-Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Contributions from other political committees (such as PACs) should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule A, supporting Line 11(c) 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. My local number is (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,



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