



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Earl F. Dobson, Treasurer
Tidewater Inc. Political Action
Committee ("TIDEPAC")
Pan American Life Center
New Orleans, LA 70130

OCT 24 2001

Identification Number: C00199471

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

Dear Mr. Dobson:

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 supporting Line 23 of your report discloses a contribution(s) to a candidate(s) for the 2000 Primary election; however, the funds were disbursed after the election date(s) (pertinent portion(s) attached). Please note that contributions may not be designated for an election which has already occurred unless the funds are to be used to reduce a candidate committee's debts incurred during that election campaign.

If the contribution(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. If you have made an impermissible contribution for an election which has already occurred, you should notify the recipient and request a refund and/or notify the recipient in writing of your redesignation of the contribution. In the best interest of your committee, all refunds and redesignations should be made within sixty days of the treasurer's receipt of the contribution(s).

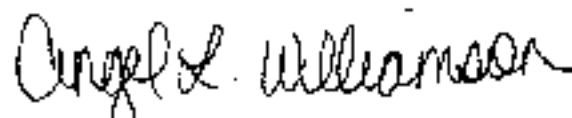
Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo

entries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. 11 CFR §110.1(b)

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding this impermissible activity, your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

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,



Angel L. Williamson
Senior Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

SCHEDULE B

ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full)
Tidewater Inc. Political Action Committee (TIDEPAC)

| Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code | Purpose of Disbursement | Date (month, day, year) | Amount of Each Disbursement This Period |
|---|---|-------------------------|---|
| GEORGE W BUSH GOVERNOR'S MANSION 1010 COLORADO AUSTIN TX 78701 | (Presidential - - 03) | 08/30/2000 | 5000.00 |
| | Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): | | |
| Rick LAZIO 2000 INC 72 EAST MAIN ST SUITE 4 C/O PICCIRILLO & LAMONT LLP BABYLON NY 11702 | (Senate - NY - 02) | 08/30/2000 | 250.00 |
| | Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): | | |
| Jennifer Steed 324 Dorrington Blvd. Metairie LA 70005 | | 08/30/2000 | 300.00 |
| | Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): | | |

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Republican date of nomination was 8/3/00

SUBTOTALS of Disbursements This Page (Optional)

TOTALS This Period (last page this line number only)

5550.00

