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William C. Pauli, Treasurer California Farm Bureau Federation Political Action Committee (FARM PAC) 1601 Exposition Boulevard Sacramento, CA 95815

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Reference: Year End Report (11/26/96-12/31/96)

Dear Mr. Pauli:

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 to Pete Wilson for President for the 1996 primary election; however, the funds were disbursed after the 1996 primary election date. 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.

In addition, please note that contributions to major party (Republican and Democratic) Presidential campaigns are not permitted for the general election if the candidate receives public funds. (An exception: Political committees may contribute to a publicly funded Presidential nominee's "compliance fund." A compliance fund is used solely for legal and accounting expenses incurred in complying with the election law. Gifts to compliance funds are considered contributions and are subject to usual percandidate, per-election limits.) 11 CFR §9003.3(a) Please provide clarifying information regarding this contribution, and if necessary, disclose the refund on the appropriate schedule.

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 tolf-free number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,

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