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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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August 30, 2001

Gary S. Marbut, Treasurer
Montana Shooting Sports Association
Political Committee
P.O. Box 4924
Missoula, MT 59806

Identification Number: C00322958

Reference: 30 Day Post-General Report (10/19/00-11/27/00)

Dear Mr. Marbut:

On August 8, 2001, you were notified that a review of the above-referenced report(s) raised questions as to specific contributions and/or expenditures, and the reporting of certain information required by the Federal Election Campaign Act.

Your August 21, 2001, response is incomplete because you have not provided all the requested information. For this response to be considered adequate, the following information is still required.

-In your written response, dated 8/21/2001, you indicate you are not clear what is meant by the term "clarifying information". A copy of the check issued from the donor committee's federal account or similar transaction instrument used to convey the transfer to your committee will suffice as clarification. Additionally, a letter from the donor committee confirming the transfer was from permissible funds and correctly reported by your committee is also acceptable as "clarifying information".

An adequate response must be received at the Commission by September 19, 2001. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.