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May 20, 2003L

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Ms. Colleen Manning 7

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Re: August Monthly Report (7/1/02-7/31/02), Amended September Monthly Report (8/1/02-8/31/02) received 10/16/02, October Monthly Report (9/1/02-9/30/02), 30 Day Post-General Report (10/17/02-11/25/02), and Year End Report (11/26/02-12/31/02)

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Dear Ms. Manning: 7

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In response to your letter dated April 30, 2003, the Microsoft Corporation Political Action Committee ("the Committee") (C00227546), has filed amendments to its October Monthly (9/1/02-9/30/02), 12 Day Pre-General (10/1/02-10/16/02), and 30 Day Post-General (10/17/02-11/25/02) Reports. □

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In your letter, you identified three instances where contributions from individuals to the Committee appeared to have exceeded the limits in the Act. As detailed below, in two cases refunds were made to the individuals and in the third instance, the contribution was mistakenly attributed to the wrong individual.L

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Paul J. LeachL

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The original reports filed by the Committee disclosed contributions from Mr. Leach during calendar year 2002 in the amount of \$7,072.00. On September 20, 2002 the Committee sent a refund check to Mr. Leach in the amount of \$1,656.00. On October 16, 2002, the Committee sent a second refund check to Mr. Leach in the amount of \$416.00. The total amount of money refunded to Mr. Leach totals \$2,072.00, which brings the annual amount contributed by Mr. Leach to the Committee to \$5,000.00, the legal limit. □

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The refunds to Mr. Leach were included in the disbursement totals disclosed by the Committee in its October Monthly and 12 Day Pre-General Reports, respectively. (See Line 28(a) of the Detailed Summary Report.) Unfortunately, the refunds did not get itemized on a separate Schedule B. The amendments to the October Monthly and 12 Day Pre-General Reports include these refunds on a separate Schedule B. □

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Henry L. Sanders 7

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The reports filed by the Committee disclosed contributions from Mr. Sanders during calendar year 2002 in the amount of \$5,630.00. On September 20, 2002 the Committee sent a refund check to Mr. Sanders in the amount of \$420.00. On October 16, 2002, the Committee sent a second refund check to Mr. Sanders in the amount of \$210.00. The total amount of money refunded to Mr. Sanders totals \$630.00, which brings the annual amount contributed by Mr. Sanders to the Committee to \$5,000.00, the legal limit. □

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The refunds to Mr. Sanders were included in the disbursement totals disclosed by the Committee in its October Monthly and 12 Day Pre-General Reports, respectively. (See Line 28(a) of the Detailed Summary Report.) As in the case of the refunds sent to Paul Leach, the refunds sent to Mr. Sanders did not get itemized on a separate Schedule B. The amendments to the October Monthly and 12 Day Pre-General Reports include these refunds on a separate Schedule B. □

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Chester Bell ☐

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The Committee's 30 Day Post-General Report discloses a contribution dated October 24, 2002 in the amount of \$5,000.00 from Chester G. Bell. That was a clerical error. The contribution should have been attributed to Gwen Bell. The Committee's amendment to its 30 Day Post-General Report properly discloses the contribution as being made by Gwen Bell. This correction in the attribution of the contribution brings within the legal limits Mr. Bell's 2002 annual contributions to the Committee. ☐

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Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me. ☐

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Sincerely, ☐

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John A.C. Kelly ☐

Treasurer ☐

Microsoft Corporation Political Action Committee ☐