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Mr. Lynn Coleman, Treasurer Skadden Arps PAC 1440 New York Avenue NW Washington, DC 20005

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Reference:

Amended October Quarterly Report (7/1/02-9/30/02), received 11/21/02

Dear Mr. Coleman:

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 one or more contributions to a candidate(s) for the 2002 Arkansas 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 any apparently impermissible contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information.

If you have made an impermissible contribution, you must request a refund or provide a written authorization for a redesignation of the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §110.2(b) within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt.

If the foregoing conditions for redesignations were not met within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt, your committee must obtain a refund.

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 memoentries 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.

-Schedule B supporting Line 23 of your report discloses a contribution(s) to "Kirk-DSCC Victory Fund". Please clarify whether this is a federal committee(s), as there does not appear to be a committee(s) registered with the Commission under this name(s). In the event this is a non-federal committee(s), please disclose it on Schedule B supporting Line 29 of the Detailed Summary Page.

-Schedule B supporting Line 23 of your report discloses a contribution(s) to "Kirk-DSCC Victory Fund"; however, you have disclosed "Ron Kirk" in the candidate name field(s). Please clarify whether this was an carmarked contribution(s) made by your committee through "Kirk-DSCC Victory Fund" to this candidate, or if you made the contribution to "Kirk-DSCC Victory Fund" exercising no direction or control over how the funds were to be used. If the latter is the case, please do not include the candidate's name in the candidate name field. Please amend your report to clarify the ultimate recipient of this contribution(s).

A 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. Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. 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, Jim Krela

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