

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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November 14, 1996

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

Identification Number:

C00232629

Reference:

July Quarterly Report (4/1/96-6/30/96)

Dear Ms. Coleman:

On October 23, 1996, 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 October 28, 1996 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.

-Your committee improperly redesignated contributions. The correct method for reporting redesignated contributions for these candidates is as follows: If a contribution to a candidate is redesignated after the close of books for the reporting period, show the redesignation on the next report as a memo entry on Schedule A and indicate the date of the original contribution and the date of the redesignation. An example of a properly redesignated contribution from the Campaign Guide for Nonconnected Committees is provided for your assistance. Please make all of the necessary redesignations for the previously referenced contributions.

If this information is not received by the Commission within fifteen (15) days from the date of this notice, the Commission may choose to initiate audit or legal enforcement action. If you should have any questions related to this matter, please contact Debbie Manzano on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 or our local number (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,

John D. Gibson

Assistant Staff Director

Reports Analysis Division

Enclosure

Redesignations of Contributions

Use memo entries to show any redesignations of contributions.

If a contribution to a candidate is redesignated for a different election after the close of books, show the redesignation on the next report and indicate the report on which the original contribution was itemized.

in this illustration, the committee originally made a \$10,000 contribution to a candidate's campaign, intending half of it to count toward the general election. The committee itemized the contribution in its April quarterly report. The following month, the campaign requested that the committee redesignate the excassive \$5,000 for the general election campaign. The committee itemized the redesignation in its July quarterly report.

Refunds Made by the Committee

When a committee refunds a contribution to a donor, the committee must include the disbursement in the total for the appropriate category of refund on the Detailed Summary Page (Line 28(a), (b) or (c)). If the committee previously itemized the incoming contribution on Schedule A, then it must itemize the refund on a Schedule B for the appropriate line number, 104.8(d)(4).

(A committee may return a contribution to the donor without depositing it, eithough the return must be made within 10 days of the treasurer's receipt of the contribution, 103.3(a). In this case, the contributions does not have to report either the receipt or the return of the contribution.)

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