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George Platt, Treasurer  
Democratic Executive Committee of  
Florida  
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Reference: April Quarterly Report (1/1/00-3/31/00)

Dear Mr. Platt:

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 A of your report (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses a contribution(s) which appears to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(f) and 11 CFR §110.1(d) preclude a committee and its affiliates from receiving contributions from another political committee or person in excess of \$5,000 per calendar year.

If the contribution(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with the clarifying information. If the contribution(s) you received exceeded the limits, you must seek reattribution of the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §110.1(k), transfer-out the amount in excess of \$5,000 to an account not used to influence federal elections or refund the excessive amount to the donor(s) in accordance with 11 CFR §103.3(b). In the best interest of your committee, all reattributions, transfers-out, and refunds should be made within sixty days of the treasurer's receipt of the contribution(s). In order to protect the donor's interests, the Commission recommends that you inform the contributor(s) in writing to provide the donor(s) with the option of granting written authorization for a reattribution or transfer-out to another account or receiving a refund.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in

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writing and provide a photocopy of your check for the transfer-out or refund. In addition, any reattributions should be reported as memo entries on Schedule A of the report covering the period during which the authorization for the reattribution is received. Any transfers-out or refunds should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the acceptance of an excessive contribution(s), prompt action by your committee to seek reattribution, transfer-out or refund the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

-Schedule H4 discloses a disbursement(s) for Convention Expense, A019 which is categorized as fundraising expenses; however, Schedule H2 does not include an allocation ratio for this activity. Please amend Schedule H2 to disclose the omitted ratio.

-Your report discloses limited payments for administrative expenses. Administrative expenses are payments made for the purpose of operating a political committee including, but not limited to, rent, utilities, salaries, telephone service, office equipment and supplies. Each committee utilizing separate federal and non-federal accounts is required to allocate any administrative expenses between the accounts in proportion to the BALLOT COMPOSITION METHOD derived from FEC Schedule H1. A Schedule H1 must be filed with the first FEC FORM 3X filed at the beginning of each two-year election cycle. 11 CFR §106.5(d)

Any goods or services provided to your committee by a person, except volunteer activity (i.e., a person's time), would be considered an in-kind contribution from that person, and would be subject to the disclosure requirements of 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(3) and 11 CFR §104.13, and the limitations and prohibitions of 2 U.S.C. §§441a and 441b.

Clarification regarding administrative expenses should be disclosed during each two year election cycle beginning with the first report filed in the non-election year. Please provide the necessary information regarding administrative expenses incurred by your committee and/or amend your report to disclose such expenses according to the referenced provisions of the Act and Commission Regulations.

-Your EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE calculations for administrative/voter

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drive and all fundraising events are incorrect. EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals for administrative and voter drive costs are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year for the whole Administrative/Voter Drive category. EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals for fundraising, direct candidate support, and exempt activities are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year within a specific event. These should be calculated by adding the latest disbursement for a category or event to the previous EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE total for that category or event. This running EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE total should be disclosed after each disbursement is listed. Please amend your report by providing the correct EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals.

-Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule(s) H4 of your report to clarify the following description(s): consulting and consulting fees. For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

-Line 21(a)(i) of the Detailed Summary Page of your report discloses a total of \$121,885 in the federal share of shared federal/non-federal activity. The sum of the entries itemized on Schedule H4, however, indicates the total to be \$110,269. Please amend your report to clarify the discrepancy.

-Line 21(b) of the Detailed Summary Page of your report discloses a total of \$162 in other federal operating expenditures. The sum of the entries itemized on Schedule B, however, indicates the total to be \$11,779. Please amend your report to clarify the discrepancy.

-Your report includes a computer produced format(s) of Schedule H2 which is different from the format approved by the Commission previously. Please submit a separate sample format with a cover letter requesting approval of the new format. For future filings, please use only FEC approved formats.

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 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrew J. Dodson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Andrew J. Dodson  
Senior Reports Analyst  
Reports Analysis Division

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Use separate schedule(s) for each category of the Detailed Summary Page

For Line Number 11c

Contributions from Other Political Committees (such as PACs)

Any information copied from such Reports and Statements may not be sold or used by any person for the purpose of soliciting contributions or for commercial purposes, other than using the name and address of any political committee to solicit contributions for such committee.

NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full)  
Democratic Executive Committee of Florida

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| Full Name, Mailing Address & Zip Code<br>Campaign Account of John Rayson for Con<br>1031 NE 27th Avenue<br><br>Pompano Beach, FL 33062 0000 | Name of Employer        | Date (month, day, year) | Amount of Each Receipt this period |
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| Receipt for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)                  | Occupation<br>Candidate | 03/13/00                | 54000.00                           |
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