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James F. DeWilder, Treasurer
Santa Barbara County Republican
Central Committee
112 West Jones Street
Santa Maria, CA 93454

Identification Number: C00174334

Reference: Mid-Year Report (1/1/97-6/30/97)

Dear Mr. DeWilder:

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:

-Your report does not include a Schedule H1 to disclose the ratio for the allocation of administrative and generic voter drive costs. This ratio is determined at the beginning of each two-year election cycle. All shared administrative and generic voter drive costs incurred during the two-year cycle must be allocated according to this ratio, unless the federal account elects to pay a higher percentage of its cost. 11 CFR §106.5(b)(2), (d)(1), (d)(2) and 11 CFR §§104.10(b)(1)(ii)(B) and 106.6(c)

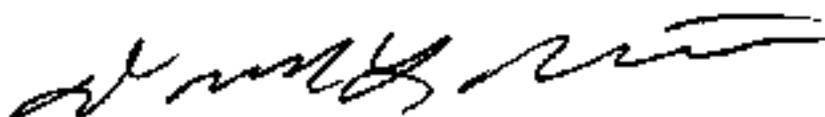
-Your committee reports receipts on Schedule A and Schedule H3 which appear to be identical. Please note that transfers received from affiliated/other party committees should be disclosed on Schedule A for Line 12 unless the transfers are for allocable operating expenditures. Transfers received for allocable activity should be disclosed on Schedule H3 for Line 18 and not on Schedule A. Duplication in reporting requirements may cause inflated receipt totals. Please amend your report to clarify your receipts.

-Your EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE calculations for Administrative/Voter Drive 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, not by individual purpose such as "Utilities" or "Rent". Please amend your report by providing the correct Administrative/Voter Drive EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals.

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. My local number is (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,



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