FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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C. Edward Jordan, Treasurer
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Action Committee Fed
1701 Route 70 East
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

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Reference: Amended Mid-Year Report (1/1/99-6/30/99), received 2/15/00

Dear Mr. Jordan:

On March 15, 2000, 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 March 30, 2000 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.

- It is still not clear if your committee originally designated these contributions for the 1996 General Election but improperly reported the election designations on your 1997 Year End Report or redesignated these contributions for the 1996 General Election in February 2000. If the former occurred, please amend your 1997 Year End Report to properly disclose the election designations. If the latter occurred, you should either request a refund of the full amount or redesignate them to a future election since you have already contributed the maximum amount to the 2000 Primary and General elections and Torricelli for U.S. Senate, Inc. had no outstanding debts in February 2000. In addition, the redesignations should be reported on the report covering the period when the redesignations are made. When preparing your response, please note that a contribution redesignated for a previous election shall be subject to the requirements of 11 CFR 110.2(b)(3)

regarding net outstanding debts and only the contributor - not the recipient candidate committee - may designate a contribution for a particular election (see 11 CFR 110.1(b)(2)(i) and (b)(4), and 11 CFR 110.2(b)(2)(i) and (b)(4)).

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 Antoinette Kitchen on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or our local number (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

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