



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Harold Mesirov, Treasurer
Robins Kaplan PAC
1801 K Street, NW, Suite 1200
Washington, DC 20006

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Reference: April Quarterly Report (1/1/00-3/31/00)

Dear Mr. Mesirov:

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 of your report discloses an in-kind contribution(s) designated for the general election, but made before the primary election (pertinent portion(s) attached). In-kind contributions of equipment, such as computers, with a long-term useful life (e.g., an election cycle, or perhaps longer) are similar to contributions of money and may be designated for elections beyond the next election, provided the contributor designates the contribution as such in writing. A contribution of this type of equipment is distinguishable from in-kind contributions that are used only for one particular election, such as non-exempt contributions of food or beverages consumed by primary election day workers, or printing or mailing costs related to general election events or fundraisers. Please amend your report to include a description of the nature of the in-kind contribution(s) in question. If the in-kind contribution(s) on your report does not have a "long-term useful life", it may constitute an excessive contribution(s) for the primary election (see Advisory Opinion 1996-29).

If the contribution(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. If you have made an excessive contribution, you must request a refund of the excessive amount(s) and/or notify the recipient, in writing, of your redesignation of the contribution. Refunds are reported on Schedule A

supporting Line 16 of the Detailed Summary Page of the report covering the period in which they are made. Redesignations are reported as memo entries on Schedule B of the report covering the period in which the redesignation is made. 11 CFR §110.2(b) In the best interest of your committee, all refunds and redesignations should be made within sixty days of the treasurer's receipt of the contribution(s).

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund request sent to the recipient committee(s). Although the Commission may take further legal steps, prompt action by your committee to refund or seek redesignation of the excessive amount will be considered.

-Please amend Schedule B supporting Line 23 by providing the office sought, state, and district for each in-kind contribution made. 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3)(ii) and (v)

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,



Antoinette Kitchen
Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

SCHEDULE B		ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS		Use separate schedule(s) for each category of the Detailed Summary Page	24 / 24 FOR LINE NUMBER 23
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 from such committee.					
NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full) Robins Kaplan PAC					
Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code Haskell's 81 South 9th Street Minneapolis MN 55402		Purpose of Disbursement In-Kind Fundr./Oberstar (Beverages) Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):		Date (month, day, year) 03/20/2000	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 128.58
Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code Lipinski for Congress 6242 West 58th Street Chicago IL 60638		Purpose of Disbursement Re-Election Contribution Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):		Date (month, day, year) 03/20/2000	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 500.00
Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code Minn Blue Digital Imaging P.O. Box 6227 Minneapolis MN 55406		Purpose of Disbursement In-Kind Fundr./Oberstar (Signage) Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):		Date (month, day, year) 03/20/2000	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 308.55
Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code Photo Ideas, Inc. P.O. Box 31459 Chicago IL 60631		Purpose of Disbursement In-Kind Fundr./Oberstar (Photographer) Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):		Date (month, day, year) 03/20/2000	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 677.53
Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code Prom Catering 484 Inwood Avenue Oakdale MN 55128		Purpose of Disbursement In-Kind Fundr./Oberstar (Food) Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): General/In-Kind		Date (month, day, year) 03/20/2000	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 1715.37
Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code Friends of Jim Mahoney 20 East Main Street Suite 235 Waterbury CT 06702		Purpose of Disbursement Re-Election Contribution Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):		Date (month, day, year) 03/22/2000	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 2500.00
Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code Novak for Congress 2211 St. Clair Avenue St Paul MN 55105		Purpose of Disbursement Re-Election Contribution Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):		Date (month, day, year) 03/22/2000	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 2500.00
Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code David L. Andrietta, Inc. 50 E Street, S.E. Washington DC 20003		Purpose of Disbursement In-Kind Fundr./Oberstar (Printing) Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):		Date (month, day, year) 03/23/2000	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 811.02
Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code Stabenow for Senate P.O. Box 4845 East Lansing MI 48826		Purpose of Disbursement Campaign Contribution Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):		Date (month, day, year) 03/30/2000	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 1000.00
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