FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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June 12, 1997

Carmen Belefonte, Treasurer
Association of Trial Lawyers of America
Political Action Committee
1050 31st Street, NW
Washington, DC 20007

Identification Number: C00024521

Reference: October Quarterly (9/1/96-9/30/96) and Amended 12 Day Pre-General (10/1/96-10/16/96 dated 11/25/96) Reports

Dear Ms. Belefonte:

On May 21, 1997 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 June 5, 1997 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.

-Schedule B of your report discloses contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act (copies attached). Your response states that the following local party committees are independently run, controlled and financed, and are, therefore, separate from the Texas State Democratic Party: Tarrant County Democratic Party, Bexar County Democratic Party, Dallas County Democratic Party, Galveston County Democratic Party, Harris County Democratic Party, Jefferson County Democratic Party and Travis County Democratic Party. You therefore feel it was proper to make a $5000 contribution to each. Please note that local party committees within a state are presumed to be affiliated with the state party committee and therefore considered affiliated with each other, thus sharing the contribution limit for one political committee. A local party committee may be considered independent of the state party committee if it can meet certain standards. See 11 CFR 110.3(b)(3)(i) and (ii). If these local party committees feel they are not affiliated, they should submit an Advisory

Opinion Request to the Commission. To correct the excessive contributions made by your committee, you should notify the recipient committee(s) and request a refund of the amount(s) in excess of $5000.

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 Edward Ryan 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

SCHEDULE B — ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS

Contributions to Federal Candidates/Committees

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)
Association of Trial Lawyers of America Political Action Committee

| Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code | Purpose of Disbursement | Date (month, day, year) | Amount of Each Disbursement this Period |
|---|---|---|---|
| Kentucky State Democratic Party<br>P.O. Box 694<br>FEDERAL ACCOUNT<br>Frankfort, KY 40602 | Contribution: KY STATE DEM. PARTY (KY-0)<br>Disbursement For: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☒ Other: Other 1996 | 10/8/96 | $5,000.00 |
| Bexar County Democratic Party<br>517 N. Flores Street<br>FEDERAL ACCOUNT<br>San Antonio, TX 78205 | Contribution: Bexar County Democratic Party (TX-D)<br>Disbursement For: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☒ Other: Other 1996 | 10/1/96 | $5,000.00 |
| Connecticut State Democratic Party<br>FEDERAL ACCOUNT | Contribution: Connecticut State Democratic Party (CT-77-D)<br>Disbursement For: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☒ Other: Other 1996 | 10/8/96 | $5,000.00 |
| Dallas County Democratic Party<br>6440 N Central Expressway, #416,LB18<br>FEDERAL ACCOUNT<br>Dallas, TX 75206 | Contribution: Dallas County Democratic Party (TX-D)<br>Disbursement For: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☒ Other: Other 1996 | 10/1/96 | $5,000.00 |
| Galveston County Democratic Party<br>912 Oak Vista Court<br>FEDERAL ACCOUNT<br>Friendswood, TX 77546 | Contribution: Galveston County Democratic Party (TX-D)<br>Disbursement For: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☒ Other: Other 1996 | 10/1/96 | $5,000.00 |
| Harris County Democratic Party<br>811 Westheimer<br>FEDERAL ACCOUNT<br>Houston, TX 77006 | Contribution: Harris County Democratic Party (TX-D)<br>Disbursement For: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☒ Other: Other 1996 | 10/1/96 | $5,000.00 |
| Jefferson County Democratic Party<br>1855 Calder<br>FEDERAL ACCOUNT<br>Beaumont, TX 77701 | Contribution: Jefferson County Democratic Party (TX-D)<br>Disbursement For: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☒ Other: Other 1996 | 10/1/96 | $5,000.00 |
| Kansas State Democratic Party<br>FEDERAL ACCOUNT | Contribution: Kansas State Democratic Party (KS-77-D)<br>Disbursement For: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☒ Other: Other 1996 | 10/11/96 | $5,000.00 |
| Win in '96<br>1101 S.W. Washington Street<br>FEDERAL ACCOUNT<br>Portland, OR 97205 | Contribution to non-federal candidate for Oregon Democratic Party (OR-D)<br>Disbursement For: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☒ Other: Other 1996 | 10/11/96 | $5,000.00 |
| SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional) | | | $45,000.00 |
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| Travis County Democratic Party<br>505 West Lynn<br>FEDERAL ACCOUNT<br>Austin, TX 78703 | Contribution: Travis County Democratic Party (TX-D)<br>Disbursement For: [ ] Primary [ ] General [X] Other: Other 1996 | 10/1/96 | $5,000.00 |
| Paxon for Congress<br>GENERAL 1996 | Contribution: Bill Paxon (NY-27-R)<br>Disbursement For: [ ] Primary [X] General [ ] Other: 1996 | 10/15/96 | $1,000.00 |
| Earl Pomeroy for Congress<br>P.O. Box 746<br>GENERAL 1996<br>Bismarck, ND 58502 | Contribution: Earl Pomeroy (ND-1-D)<br>Disbursement For: [ ] Primary [X] General [ ] Other: 1996 | 10/10/96 | $500.00 |
| Ken Poston for Congress<br>106 Nance Lane<br>PRIMARY DEBT 1996<br>Ringgold, GA 30736 | Contribution: Ken Poston (GA-9-D)<br>Disbursement For: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other: 1996 | 10/7/96 | $1,500.00 |
| Ken Poston for Congress<br>106 Nance Lane<br>GENERAL 1996<br>Ringgold, GA 30736 | Contribution: Ken Poston (GA-9-D)<br>Disbursement For: [ ] Primary [X] General [ ] Other: 1996 | 10/7/96 | $1,000.00 |
| Quinn for Congress<br>GENERAL 1996 | Contribution: Jack Quinn (NY-30-R)<br>Disbursement For: [ ] Primary [X] General [ ] Other: 1996 | 10/15/96 | $500.00 |
| Ramstad For Congress<br>PO Box 41986<br>GENERAL 1996<br>Plymouth, MN 55441 | Contribution: Jim Ramstad (MN-3-R)<br>Disbursement For: [ ] Primary [X] General [ ] Other: 1996 | 10/15/96 | $500.00 |
| Rangel for Congress Committee<br>2030 Allen Place, N.W.<br>GENERAL 1996<br>Washington, DC 20009 | Contribution: Charles B. Rangel (NY-15-D)<br>Disbursement For: [ ] Primary [X] General [ ] Other: 1996 | 10/7/96 | $2,500.00 |
| Rhode Island State Democratic Party<br>1991 Smith Street<br>FEDERAL ACCOUNT<br>North Providence, RI 02911 | Contribution: Rhode Island (RI-D)<br>Disbursement For: [ ] Primary [ ] General [X] Other: Other 1996 | 10/15/96 | $5,000.00 |
| SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional) | | | $17,500.00 |
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