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Dear Angel,

Thank you so much for speaking with me today. You answered quite a few questions that I had. For the record, the Reform Party of California has no "nonfederal account". We presently have two bank accounts a general account and an operating account. Both accounts are with Wells Fargo. The general account has account number 0828-571-034. All of our contributions go into that account. It requires two signatures to write a check. The Chair Ray Mills, Vice-Chair John Place, and Treasurer Mark Lauterman are signers on this account. The operating account requires only one signature from the same three persons. The operating account number is 0603-642-299

Since 1/99 we have not supported any candidates for election either federal or nonfederal. My advice was that we should only provide a forum for candidates to come speak. If people liked what the candidate had to say the individual could donate to the candidates campaign. Our present combined balance in both accounts is \$12,329.91. It cost us about \$7000 this year to hold our state convention. We pay about \$3000 a year for liability insurance. Presently our monthly budget including insurance is \$700 per month. There is not much left over for supporting candidates.

One question I did not ask you on the phone is in regards to our state convention as we are still correcting 1999 instead of asking questions about 2000. We did not create a separate convention account this year for our convention. Of our \$25,532.91 of receipts this year \$19,377.15 came from our state convention. About \$3600 came from revenue neutral handling of food. We made no money on this. We just facilitated the transaction to save time. I did not include this as towards an aggregate towards a \$200 limit. Not including food we had convention income of about \$16,000 and expenses of about \$7000. There are still a few items that could affect final totals. Could one conclude that the proportion \$9000/\$16,000 is that which aggregates for donations and the proportion of \$7000/\$16,000 is a fee and does not count as a donation? Had we a separate account all of this would be in lines 11b. and 28b., correct?

In a few more days I will send corrections for all of 1999 as I see it now. I'm searching for addresses of donors and payees. Thanks for your efforts towards being a "controlling authority". Certainly, we can't count on Janet Reno or Fred Thompson to clean out the barn. We seek compliance. This is a lot of paper work in my spare time.

Yours in Reform,

Mark Lauterman



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