FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Jeffrey L. Plathe, Treasurer
Southern Minnesota Sugar Cooperative
Political Action Committee
P.O. Box 500
Renville, MN 56284

JUN 14 2000

Identification Number: C00166348

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

Dear Mr. Plathe:

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 (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses a contribution(s) which appears to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(a) precludes a multicandidate committee and its affiliates from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of $5,000 per election.

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 should notify the recipient and request a refund of the amount in excess of $5,000 and/or notify the recipient in writing of your redesignation of the contribution. 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). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo entries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. 11 CFR §110.1(b)

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

-Schedule B supporting Line 23 of your report discloses a contribution(s) to a candidate(s) for the 2000 California primary election; however, the funds were disbursed after the election date(s) (pertinent portion(s) attached). Please note that contributions may not be designated for an election which has already occurred unless the funds are to be used to reduce a candidate committee's debts incurred during that election campaign. Please clarify the contribution(s) and disclose any redesignations or refunds as necessary on the appropriate schedules.

-Please amend Schedule B supporting Line 23 by providing the state and congressional district, if applicable, for each 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,

Kenneth Davis, Jr.

Kenneth A. Davis, Jr.
Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

SCHEDULE B

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Cooperative PAC

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
JOHN D DINGELL FOR CONGRESS P.O. BOX 75214 WASHINGTON DC 20013-5214	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	3/23/00	500.00
B. DOOLEY FOR CONGRESS 300 N LEE ST SUITE 500 ALEXANDRIA VA 22314	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/07/00	500.00
C. CHET EDWARDS FOR CONGRESS P.O. BOX 75214 WASHINGTON DC 20013-5214	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/24/00	500.00
D. TEAM EMERSON P.O. BOX 16021 ALEXANDRIA VA 22302	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	3/10/00	500.00
E. BOB ETHERIDGE FOR CONGRESS P.O. BOX 28001 RALEIGH NC 27611	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	3/23/00	500.00
F. TERRY EVERETT FOR CONGRESS 4451 BROOKFIELD CORP DR SUITE 200 CHANTILLY VA 20151	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/24/00	500.00
G. FRIENDS OF FARR 227 MASSACHUSETTS AVE NE SUITE 302 WASHINGTON DC 20002	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	3/10/00	500.00
H. FATTAH FOR CONGRESS P.O. BOX 2884 WASHINGTON DC 20013	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	3/23/00	500.00
I. BOB FILNER FOR CONGRESS P.O. BOX 127868 SAN DIEGO CA 92112	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/07/00	500.00
			4,500.00

CA Primary election date: 3/7/00

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LEVIN FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE 436 NEW JERSEY AVE SE WASHINGTON DC 20003	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	3/10/00	500.00
B. LOFGREN FOR CONGRESS 422 C ST NE LOWER LEVEL WASHINGTON DC 20002	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	3/10/00	500.00
C. LUCAS FOR CONGRESS P.O. BOX 2776 ARLINGTON VA 22202	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	3/10/00	500.00
D. MATSUI FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE 729 15TH ST NW 3RD FLOOR WASHINGTON DC 20005	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/07/00	500.00
E. BUCK MCKEON FOR CONGRESS 4651 BROOKFIELD CORP DR STE 200 CHANTILLY VA 20151-1652	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [ ] Primary [X] General [ ] Other (specify)	3/23/00	500.00
F. MINGE FOR CONGRESS P.O. BOX 71 BRAINERD FALLS MN 56241-0071	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [ ] Primary [X] General [ ] Other (specify)	3/31/00	500.00
G. ALAN MOLLOHAN FOR CONGRESS COMMITTE P.O. BOX 1343 FAIRMONT WV 26555-1343	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	3/23/00	500.00
H. MORAN FOR CONGRESS 811 CHETWORTH PLACE ALEXANDRIA VA 22314	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	3/10/00	500.00
I. MARTHA FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE P.O. BOX 1091 JOHNSTOWN PA 15907	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	3/31/00	500.00

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A. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD FOR CONGRESS P.O. BOX 2884 WASHINGTON DC 20013	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [ ] Primary [X] General [ ] Other (specify)	3/23/00	500.00
B. COMM TO RE-ELECT LORETTA SANCHEZ 604 S HARBOR BLVD SANTA ANA CA 92704	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	3/31/00	500.00
C. SERRANO FOR CONGRESS 521 NEW JERSEY AVE SE WASHINGTON DC 20003	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	3/23/00	500.00
D. FRIENDS OF DON SHERWOOD 81 WARREN ST TUNKHANNOCK PA 18657	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/07/00	500.00
E. VOLUNTEERS FOR SHIMKUS P.O. BOX 5458 SPRINGFIELD IL 62705	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	3/10/00	500.00
F. SIMPSON FOR CONGRESS P.O. BOX 1591 BOISE ID 83701	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	3/10/00	500.00
G. SPENCE FOR CONGRESS P.O. BOX 1475 COLUMBIA SC 29202	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/24/00	500.00
H. JOHN SPRATT FOR CONGRESS P.O. BOX 2884 WASHINGTON DC 20013	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	3/10/00	500.00
I. FRIENDS FOR CLIFF STEARNS 4451 BROOKFIELD CORP DR SUITE 200 CHANTILLY VA 20151	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	3/31/00	500.00

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FLETCHER FOR CONGRESS P.O. BOX 4703 LEXINGTON KY 40544	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	3/31/00	500.00
B. PEOPLE FOR GRASKE COMMITTEE 521 E LOCUST 2ND FL DES MOINES IA 50309-1939	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	3/23/00	500.00
C. CITIZENS FOR GILMAN P.O. BOX 3001 MIDDLETOWN NY 10940	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	3/23/00	500.00
D. GRAMS FOR SENATE 507 CAPITOL COURT NE #100 WASHINGTON DC 20002	SENATE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [ ] Primary [X] General [ ] Other (specify)	3/10/00	1,000.00
E. GENE GREEN CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN P.O. BOX 75214 WASHINGTON DC 20013-5214	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/24/00	500.00
F. FRIENDS OF DOC HASTINGS 316 MARYLAND AVENUE NE, #4 WASHINGTON DC 20002	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	3/10/00	500.00
G. HERGER FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE P.O. BOX 16021 ALEXANDRIA VA 22302	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [ ] Primary [X] General [ ] Other (specify)	3/23/00	500.00
H. F. HILLIARD FOR CONGRESS PO BOX 11795 BIRMINGHAM AL 35202	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	3/10/00	500.00
I. P. HOEFFEL FOR CONGRESS 24 W AIRY ST NORRISTOWN PA 19401	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	3/10/00	500.00

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SOUTHERN MINNESOTA BEET SUGAR COOPERATIVE PAC

	Name and Address	Purpose of Disbursement / Disbursement for	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
A.	GOODLATTE FOR CONGRESS 406 1ST ST SUITE 706 ROANOKE VA 24011	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [ ] Primary [X] General [ ] Other (specify)	10/21/94	500.00
B.	GRAMS FOR SENATE 517 2ND ST NE WASHINGTON DC 20002	SENATE CNADIDATE Disbursement for: [ ] Primary [X] General [ ] Other (specify)	11/22/94	5,000.00
C.	FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS OF S GUNDERSON RICHARD L DEAN, TREAS 622 E STATE HWY 54 BLACK RIVER FALLS WI 54615	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [ ] Primary [X] General [ ] Other (specify)	10/21/94	500.00
D.	HANCOCK FOR CONGRESS GENE BENNETT, TREAS ONE THIRD ST NE #8 WASHINGTON DC 20002	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [ ] Primary [X] General [ ] Other (specify)	10/21/94	500.00
E.	HELMS FOR SENATE ELISABETH H SMITH, TREASURER P.O. BOX 26544 RALEIGH NC 27611	SENATE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	10/21/94	500.00
F.	HOAGLAND FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE P.O. BOX 2884 WASHINGTON DC 20013	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [ ] Primary [X] General [ ] Other (specify)	10/21/94	500.00
G.	THE INSLEE COMMITTEE 701 N 1ST ST SUITE B YAKIMA WA 98901-2295	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [ ] Primary [X] General [ ] Other (specify)	10/21/94	500.00
H.	TIM JOHNSON FOR SOUTH DAKOTA MARION E BAUGHMAN, TREAS P.O. BOX 1424 SIOUX FALLS SD 57101	HOUSE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [ ] Primary [X] General [ ] Other (specify)	10/21/94	500.00
I.	KERRY FOR U S SENATE COMMITTEE JIM WEAVER, TREAS 7602 PACIFIC ST OMAHA NE 68114	SENATE CANDIDATE Disbursement for: [ ] Primary [X] General [ ] Other (specify)	10/21/94	500.00

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