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March 21, 1996

Meredith Le Goff, Treasurer Democrats Abroad France 14 Rue De Bucarest Paris, 22 75008

Identification Number: C00271742

Reference: Mid-Year Report (1/1/95-6/30/95)

Dear Ms. Le Goff:

This letter is to inform you that as of March 20, 1996, the Commission has not received your response to our request for additional information, dated February 28, 1996. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. To ensure compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act (the Act), please respond to this request (copy enclosed).

If no response is received 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 regarding 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

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Dear Ms. Le Goff:

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:

-Line 21(a) of the Detailed Summary Page should only be used to report the federal and non-federal shares of allocable activities. If your committee has only one account, the total operating expenditures (administrative expenses) should be reported on Line 21(b). Please amend your report to confirm the nature of your expenditures and to provide the total on the appropriate line.

-Your report discloses the use of Schedule H4 to support Line 21(a)(i) and (ii) of the Detailed Summary Page for apparent administrative/voter drive and fundraising expenses. Please be advised, a nonconnected committee must allocate between its federal and non-federal account all expenses for administrative costs, generic voter drives and fundraising programs or events. 11 CFR \$106.6(b)(2)

Nonconnected committees must report the estimated percentages of their direct federal and non-federal candidate support for a two-year election cycle by filing a Schedule Hl. To calculate the allocation ratio for administrative and generic voter drive costs, nonconnected committees use the funds expended method. 11 CFR \$106.6(c)(1)

Schedule H2 is used by all political committees to report the allocation ratios of their joint federal and non-federal fundraising events and direct candidate support programs. Schedule H2 is filed with each report that discloses a disbursement for a shared activity.

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Schedule H3 is used by all political committees to report transfers received by the federal account from the non-federal account(s) to pay the non-federal share of allocable expenses.

Any expenditures made on behalf of both federal and non-federal candidates (including in-kind contributions and independent expenditures) must also be allocated between your committee's federal and non-federal accounts. Schedule H4 is used by all political committees to report payments for allocable expenses. 11 CFR \$106.1(a)

Please clarify the procedures you are currently using to allocate shared activity. The Commission recommends that you take steps to correct any non-compliance with the regulations. Also, your committee should establish procedures to ensure future compliance with the allocation regulations.

-On Schedule H4 supporting Line 21(a) of the Detailed Summary Page, you have failed to include the total EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE amount for Administrative/Voter Drive Expenses. Please amend your report to include the missing EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE total(s).

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Pederal 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. My local number is (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,

Edward D. Ryan Reports Analyst

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