



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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Shawn C. O'Buckley, Treasurer
Colorado Democratic Party
777 Santa Fe Drive
Denver, CO 80204

Identification Number: C00161786

Reference: Amended 12 Day Pre-General Report (10/1/02-10/16/02), received 6/26/03

Dear Mr. O'Buckley:

On July 9, 2003, 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 July 18, 2003 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.

-On Schedule H2, you have failed to check the ratio type box (i.e., NEW, REVISED, SAME AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED). Please amend your report to correct this omission. 11 CFR §104.10(a)(1)

-Schedule A supporting Line 12 discloses a transfer(s)-in from the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee and The Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee. Schedule H4 supporting Line 21(a) reflects payments for "SP01/Printing SP01" and "SP02/Printing/African Amer. Piece SP0". Please be advised that a state or local party committee may pay for campaign materials (such as bumper stickers) that are distributed by volunteers in connection with activity on behalf of the party's nominees in a general election. Payments for this type of activity are exempt from the definition of a contribution or expenditure if certain conditions are met. The conditions are that no public advertising may be used, including distribution by direct mail (mailings by a commercial vendor or from commercial lists); all funds used for the activity must be permitted under the Act; none of the funds used may have been designated

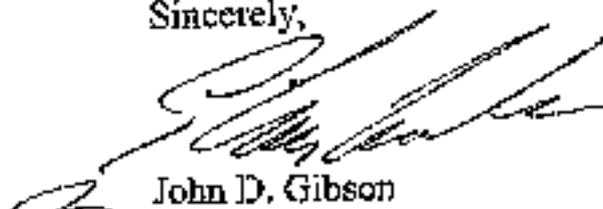
for a particular candidate; and finally, payments for the activity may not be made from transfers-in from the national committee to specifically fund the activity. For further guidance, please refer to 11 CFR §100.7(b)(15) and (17) and to the Campaign Guide for Party Committees.

Please clarify the nature of the transfer(s)-in and subsequent payments for the aforementioned disbursement(s). If the activity disclosed on your report does not meet the definition of "exempt" activity as described above and if any portion of the expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified candidates, that amount must be disclosed on Schedule B or F supporting Line 23 or 25 of the Detailed Summary Page as appropriate.

An adequate response must be received at the Commission by August 20, 2003. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions related to this matter, please contact Jane Parks on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or our local number (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



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