



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20543

April 3, 2003

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Merrill C. Drew, Treasurer
 Rhode Island Republican Party
 643 East Avenue, Unit 101
 Warwick, RI 02886

Identification Number: C00078196

Reference: April Quarterly Report (1/1/02-3/31/02)

Dear Mr. Drew:

This letter is to inform you that as of April 2, 2003, the Commission has not received your response to our request for additional information, dated March 12, 2003. 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).

An adequate response must be received at the Commission by April 23, 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 regarding this matter, please contact Christopher Morse 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John D. Gibson".

John D. Gibson
 Assistant Staff Director
 Reports Analysis Division

Enclosure



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Jonathan Wheeler
Rhode Island Republican Party
643 East Ave., Unit 101
Warwick, RI 02886

MAR 12 2003

Identification Number: C00078196

Reference: April Quarterly Report (01/01/02-03/31/02)

Dear Dear Mr. Wheeler:

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:

-The beginning cash balance of this report should equal the ending balance of your Year End Report. Please clarify this discrepancy and amend any subsequent report(s) that may be affected by this correction.

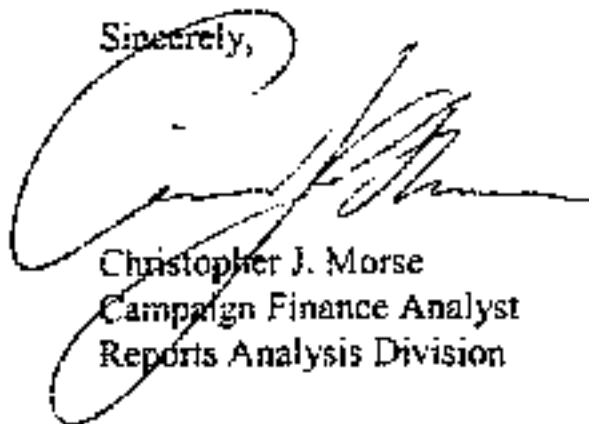
- Please be advised that you have included an additional Schedule H1 reflecting the wrong ballot composition with this report. Only one Schedule H1 must be filed with the first report each year for state party committees. 11 CFR §106.5(d)(2).

-The outstanding balance of a debt owed to a creditor at the close of one report should be exactly the same as the outstanding balance beginning the period of the next report. This report shows a beginning outstanding balance(s) to Campaign Solutions, Timothy Costa, Haisey Properties, JLM Consulting, Kentish Guards, Richard Kizarian, Providence Marriott, Hon Joan Quick and Ralph Stuart Band, which is not identical to the ending outstanding balance(s) for the creditor(s) on the Year End Report. Please amend your report to clarify the discrepancy.

-Schedule H4 of your report discloses activity which is 100% federal. For future reporting, please be advised that any activity which is financed entirely by the federal account (including administrative expenses), should be reported on Schedule B supporting Line 21(b). 11 CFR §106.5

A 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. 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 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,



Christopher J. Morse
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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