FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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D. Donald Jones, Treasurer
Hobson for Congress
82 West Columbia
Springfield, OH 45503

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Identification Number: C00239905

Reference: Amended October Quarterly Report (7/1/02-9/30/02), dated 10/23/02

Dear Mr. Jones:

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 (see attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits established by the Act. The Act precludes an individual or a political committee from making a contribution to a national party committee in excess of $20,000 per calendar year. (2 U.S.C. §441a(a)) However, a political committee may make unlimited transfers to a national party committee if the transferred amount is determined to be and disclosed as "excess campaign funds". (11 CFR §113.1(e))

If any apparent excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly reported, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information.

If the contribution made was excessive, you must notify the recipient and request a refund of the amount in excess of $20,000. You also must inform the Commission in writing of such a refund and provide a photocopy of any refund request sent to the recipient committee. The refund must appear on Line 15 of the Detailed Summary Page and on a supporting Schedule A of the report covering the period in which the refund is received.

Although the Commission may take further legal action, prompt action by you to obtain a refund of the excessive contribution amount will be taken into consideration.

Schedule B of your report contains disbursement(s) which appear(s) to be personal use of campaign funds (pertinent portion attached), as defined at 11 CFR §113.1(g). Personal use is any use of funds in a campaign account of a present or former candidate to fulfill a commitment, obligation or expense that would exist irrespective of the candidate's campaign or responsibilities as a federal office holder. The committee must seek reimbursement for the full amount of the personal use violation(s) from the beneficiary and notify the Commission in writing of such a reimbursement. The reimbursement(s) must be reported on Schedule A supporting Line 15 of the Detailed Summary Page of the report covering the period in which the reimbursement is received.

Although the Commission may take further legal action, prompt action to obtain reimbursement of the funds in question will be taken into consideration.

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 A. Whyrick
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Reports Analysis Division

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EXCESSIVE CONTRIBUTIONS ON THE 2002 OCTOBER QUARTERLY REPORT

P = Primary Election
G = General Election

RECIPIENT NAME	DATE	AMOUNT
NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE	9/5/2002	$25,000

POSSIBLE PERSONAL USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS

VENDOR	DATE	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
CLARK CO. JR. FAIR SALES COMM.	08/08/2002	$1,149.39	LIVESTOCK
CLARK COUNTY FAIR	08/08/2002	$250.00	LIVESTOCK
PERRY CO. JR. FAIR	08/08/2002	$899.30	LIVESTOCK
PICKAWAY COUNTY JR. FAIR	07/11/2002	$250.00	LIVESTOCK