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Indiana Democratic Congressional
Victory Committee
One N Capitol Avenue, Suite 200
Indianapolis, IN 46204

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Identification Number: C00108613

Reference: Amended 30 Day Post-General Report (10/19/00-11/27/00), dated
3/9/01 and Amended 30 Day Post-General Report (10/19/00-11/27/00),
received 3/29/01

Dear Mr. England:

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 A 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(f) and 11 CFR §110.1(d) preclude a committee and its affiliates from receiving contributions from another political committee or person in excess of \$5,000 per calendar year.

If the contribution(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with the clarifying information. If the contribution(s) you received exceeded the limits, you must seek reattribution of the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §110.1(k), transfer-out the amount in excess of \$5,000 to an account not used to influence federal elections or refund the excessive amount to the donor(s) in accordance with 11 CFR §103.3(b). In the best interest of your committee, all reattributions, transfers-out, and refunds should be made within sixty days of the treasurer's receipt of the contribution(s). In order to protect the donor's interests, the Commission recommends that you inform the contributor(s) in writing to provide the donor(s) with the option of granting written authorization for a reattribution or transfer-out to another account or receiving a refund.

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Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for the transfer-out or refund. In addition, any reattributions should be reported as memo entries on Schedule A of the report covering the period during which the authorization for the reattribution is received. Any transfers-out or refunds should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the acceptance of an excessive contribution(s), prompt action by your committee to seek reattribution, transfer-out or refund the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

-Your report discloses receipts totaling \$4,779.17 from the State Party Victory Fund, which is a joint fundraising committee(s) affiliated with your committee. Please be advised that a memo Schedule A must be provided to itemize your committee's share of the gross contributions received through the joint fundraiser(s). The memo schedule should itemize each individual who has contributed an aggregate in excess of \$200 during the calendar year, and provide the amount of unitemized contributions received. In addition, the memo schedule should itemize your committee's share of all contributions from political committees, regardless of amount. 11 CFR §102.17(e)(8)(i)(B)

-Schedule H2 of your report indicates that your committee participated in exempt activities or events during the reporting period. However, there are no corresponding disbursements reflected on your Schedule H4. Note that you need not include activities on Schedule H2 if there are no corresponding payments made for the activity during the reporting period. If any disbursements were incorrectly reported, you should file an amended Schedule H4 with the correct unique identifying code or title, or provide clarifying information regarding the activities on Schedule H2.

-Please clarify all expenditures made for "TV Production" on Schedule(s) H4. If a portion or all of these expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified federal candidates, this amount should be disclosed on Schedules B, E or F supporting Lines 23, 24 or 25 and include the amount, name, address and office sought by each candidate. 11 CFR §§104.3(b) and 106.1

-Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule(s) H4 of your

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report to clarify the following description(s): "Sponsor" and "Reimbursement for ad". For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

-Schedule A supporting Line 11(b) discloses a transfer(s)-in from the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. Schedules B and H4 supporting Lines 21(a) and 21(b) reflect payments for exempt activities. 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

-Payments made to credit card companies must identify the original vendors from which you have purchased an item or service if your payments to these vendors have exceeded \$200 this year. Please amend your report by providing the mailing address, date, amount and purpose of such payments as required by 11 CFR §104.9(b).

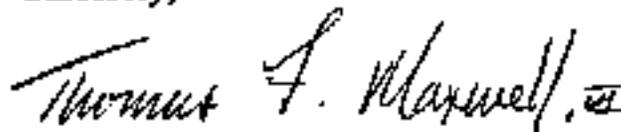
-Schedule H2 discloses 100% federal Direct Candidate Support activity. Please be advised that by definition, this activity does not qualify as a shared expense to be allocated between your federal and non-federal accounts. Any expenditures made on behalf of specifically identified federal candidates should be disclosed on Schedules B, E, or F supporting Lines 23, 24, or 25 and include the amount, name, address and office sought by each candidate.

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-Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Transfers from affiliated committees should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule A, supporting Line 12 of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions contained on the forms to determine the proper categorization when preparing your next filing.

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,



Thomas F. Maxwell, III
Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (in full): INDIANA DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSIONAL VICTORY COMMITTEE - C00108613

Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code	Employer/Occupation	Date	Amount
Friends for Baron Hill P.O. Box 1071 Seymour IN 47274-0000	Aggregate Year-to-Date\$	37,133.96 10/23/00 \$	3,115.63
Friends for Baron Hill P.O. Box 1071 Seymour IN 47274-0000	Aggregate Year-to-Date\$	40,530.58 11/15/00 \$	3,396.62
Friends for Baron Hill P.O. Box 1071 Seymour IN 47274-0000	Aggregate Year-to-Date\$	42,771.56 11/27/00 \$	2,240.98
Goodnight for Congress P.O. Box 1184 Kokomo IN 46903-1184	Aggregate Year-to-Date\$	23,749.53 10/23/00 \$	1,883.88
Goodnight for Congress P.O. Box 1184 Kokomo IN 46903-1184	Aggregate Year-to-Date\$	25,763.49 11/02/00 \$	2,013.96
Goodnight for Congress P.O. Box 1184 Kokomo IN 46903-1184	Aggregate Year-to-Date\$	29,531.25 11/20/00 \$	3,767.76
Julie Carson for Congress 302 North East ST Indianapolis IN 46202-0000	Aggregate Year-to-Date\$	5,229.52 10/23/00 \$	304.92
TOTAL THIS PERIOD \$			16,723.75

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Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code	Employer/Occupation	Date	Amount
David Johnson for Senate P.O. Box 1283 Indianapolis	Aggregate Year-to-Date\$ IN 46206-0000	256,514.89 10/02/00 \$	1,680.73
Friends for Baron Hill P.O. Box 1071 Sayre	Aggregate Year-to-Date\$ IN 47274-0000	34,018.33 10/13/00 \$	6,512.25
Goodnight for Congress P.O. Box 1184 Kokomo	Aggregate Year-to-Date\$ IN 46905-1184	29,865.65 10/12/00 \$	3,767.76
TOTAL THIS PERIOD \$			11,960.74

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