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Mr John D Gibson
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Dear Mr Gibson:

Thank you for your recent letter marked "REMAIL Jun 25 2002, reference: Amended Mid-Year Report (1/1/01-6/30/01), received 10/10/01." Please accept our apologies for the lack of prompt response to your letter and that from Thomas F Maxwell, III, dated April 3, 2002. Our previous treasurer, Patricia Claucherty, resigned suddenly for personal reasons and it was only very recently that we learned that she has been ignoring letters from the FEC. Please be so good as to forward to my attention copies of any inquiries from the Commission that have gone unanswered.

To the best of my knowledge, all our administrative expenses are included in this report. We do, however, have a contractual arrangement with PAC Payroll Services/PAC Services, Inc., to manage our payroll, accounting and compliance activities. These expenses are prepaid in advance according to a formula based on historical experience. On our year 2000 30 day post election report you will find this payment on page 22, line 3.

You will also see 1099 expenses for the Treasurer, Patricia Claucherty, on our Mid-Year Report (1/1/01-6/30/01), page 7, line 3, page 9, line 3, page 10, line 2 and 3. Further administrative expenses are shown to Mailboxes, Etc on page 7, lines 7, 8, and 9 and on page 8, line 5 and on page 11, line 1. Please note that these page and line numbers may not correspond precisely to the reports on file as we have revised our copies of these reports using the FECFile software provided by the FEC in anticipation of electronic filing. These revised reports will be filed (on the old FEC FORM 3X) at such a time as I can complete a thorough review for accuracy.

With respect to our continued use of the old FEC FORM 3X, we will comply with your request to file future reports using the new form. However, we would like to register our complaint that this form is wasteful of resources inasmuch as it allows only three entries per page compared to nine on the old form but adds no new information. Thus the new form consumes more than twice the amount of paper than the old form. This makes little difference when filed electronically but using it for filing on paper during periods when we have considerable activity it is unacceptable.

If there are further questions or problems, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Lynn Sammartino

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Treasurer