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Federal Election Commission  
Attn: Melissa Hurd  
Washington, D.C. 20463

Identification Number: C00100321

Reference: Amended Mid-Year Report (1/1/97-6/30/97) dated 4/15/98

Dear Ms. Hurd:

In reference to your letter to Mr. George Lane of Harris Corporation on the above report, we have investigated the differences between the ending balance on the 1996 Year End Report and the beginning balance on the 1997 Report. The problem arises from the fact that there was a discrepancy in our cash balance versus our book balance over several periods. The opening account restatement was an attempt to adjust the book balance to reflect the actual cash balance.

After the plan audit was completed last year, Jeanne Nichols, a former Harris accountant handling the FEPAC books, spent numerous hours trying to find the reconciling item. After going back five years she was still unable to locate the discrepancy. The search for the reconciling item was further complicated by the fact in the interim the records had been converted from a manual accounting system to the current Capital Hill Software System.

Upon receipt of your letter several of us on the Harris financial staff have tried once again to reconcile the two balances. Our attempts at locating the discrepancy were futile, but we are confident that the higher balance reported as the opening balance on the Mid-Year Report accurately reflects the opening balance for that time period. The adjustment should have been highlighted at the time, and I apologize for that oversight.

Please realize that we have taken your request most seriously and have spent numerous man hours both now and back when Jeanne first identified the issue to try and reconcile. However, with the change in systems and people we have been unable to find out where and when the account first was out of balance.

Please accept this explanation of the discrepancy and be assured that the opening balance as reflected on the Mid-Year Report is an accurate reflection of the account.

Best Regards,



Brenda Nelson

Harris Corporation-Federal Political Action Committee Administrator



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Dear Mr. Lane:

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 1996 Year-End Report. Please clarify this discrepancy and amend any subsequent report(s) that may be affected by this correction.

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. My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa Hurd".

Melissa Hurd  
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