FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Michael L. Retzer, Treasurer
Republican National Committee
310 First Street SE
Washington, DC 20003

JUN 1 1 2003

Identification Number: C00003418

Reference: 12 Day Pre-General Report (10/1/02-10/16/02)

Dear Mr. Retzer:

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 supporting Line 15 of your report discloses a payment(s) from a federal candidate committee(s) for goods and/or services provided by your committee. 11 CFR §100.7(a)(1)(iii)(A) states that "...the provision of any goods or services without charge or at a charge which is less than the usual and normal charge for such goods or services is a contribution." Examples of goods and services include equipment, supplies, personnel, membership lists and mailing lists. The term "usual and normal charge" for goods is defined as "...the price of those goods in the market from which they ordinarily would have been purchased at the time of the contribution". The usual and normal charge for services is defined as "...the hourly or piecework charge for the services at a commercially reasonable rate prevailing at the time the services were rendered." 11 CFR §100.7(a)(1)(iii)(B)

Please clarify whether your committee assessed the usual and normal charge for the goods and/or services you provided to the federal candidate committee(s) and explain the steps your committee took in determining the amount(s) charged. If your committee provided the goods and/or services at less than the usual and normal charge, the difference between the two is considered to be an in-kind contribution by your committee to the federal candidate committee(s) and is subject to the limits set forth at 2 U.S.C. §441a. (11 CFR §100.7(a)(1)(iii)(A))

-Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) of your report discloses a payment(s) to another political committee(s) for goods and/or services provided by that committee(s). 11 CFR §100.7(a)(1)(iii)(A) states that "...the provision of any goods or services without charge or at a charge which is less than the usual and normal charge for such goods or services is a contribution." Examples of goods and services include equipment, supplies, personnel, membership lists and mailing lists. The term "usual and normal charge" for goods is defined as "...the price of those goods in the market from which they ordinarily would have been purchased at the time of the contribution". The usual and normal charge for services is defined as "...the hourly or piecework charge for the services at a commercially reasonable rate prevailing at the time the services were rendered." 11 CFR §100.7(a)(1)(iii)(B)

Please clarify whether your committee was assessed the usual and normal charge for the goods and/or services you received and explain the steps the political committee(s) took in determining the amount(s) charged to you. If your committee was provided the goods and/or services at less than the usual and normal charge, the difference between the two is considered to be an in-kind contribution by the political committee(s) to your committee and is subject to the limits set forth at 2 U.S.C. §441a. (11 CFR §100.7(a)(1)(iii)(A))

-Schedule B of your report (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(a) prohibits a multicandidate committee and its affiliates from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of $5,000 per election.

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information.

If any contribution you made exceeds the limits, you must request a refund of the excessive amount or provide a written authorization for a redesignation of the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §110.2(b) within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt.

If the foregoing conditions for redesignations were not met within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt, your committee must obtain a refund of the excessive amount.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo entries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. 11 CFR §110.1(b)

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

-Please clarify all expenditures made for PRODUCTION COST, MEDIA SERVICES, VIDEO SERVICES, and BROADCAST SERVICES on Schedule(s) B and 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

-Line 1 of your Schedule I for your Republican National State Election Committee Non-Federal account discloses $5,843,119.39 in receipts; however, the sum of the memo entries itemized on memo Schedule A equal $5,787,079.39. Please clarify these apparent discrepancies.

-Schedule F of your report discloses the Aggregate General Election Expenditure(s) for Lamar Alexander to be $346,104. However, FEC calculations disclose this amount(s) to be $617,104. Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy.

A response or 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,

Scott Walker
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)
REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

A. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
JOHN SWALLOW FOR CONGRESS

Mailing Address
949 EAST 12400 SOUTH SUITE B2
City: DRAPER State: UT Zip Code: 84020

Purpose of Disbursement
CONTRIBUTION UTH002P

Candidate Name
SWALLOW

Category/Type

Office Sought: X House / Senate / President
State: UT District: 2

Disbursement For: 2002
Primary X General
Other (specify)

Date of Disbursement
10 15 2002

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period
5000.00

Transaction ID: L23b20021024713

B. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
JOHN SWALLOW FOR CONGRESS

Mailing Address
949 EAST 12400 SOUTH SUITE B2
City: DRAPER State: UT Zip Code: 84020

Purpose of Disbursement
CONTRIBUTION UTH002C

Candidate Name
SWALLOW

Category/Type

Office Sought: X House / Senate / President
State: UT District: 2

Disbursement For: 2002
Primary X General
Other (specify)

Date of Disbursement
10 15 2002

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period
5000.00

Transaction ID: L23b20021024714

C. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
OLIVERSO FOR CONGRESS

Mailing Address
11682 PARK MOSS AVE
City: STRONGSVILLE State: OH Zip Code: 44136

Purpose of Disbursement
CONTRIBUTION OHH003G

Candidate Name
OLIVERSO

Category/Type

Office Sought: X House / Senate / President
State: OH District: 18

Disbursement For: 2002
Primary X General
Other (specify)

Date of Disbursement
10 03 2002

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period
500.00

Transaction ID: L23b20021024911

SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional) 10500.00

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (in full)
REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

A. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
GONZAGA FOR CONGRESS

Mailing Address
110 BREEDS HILL RD STE 3
City HYANNIE State MA Zip Code 02601

Purpose of Disbursement
CONTRIBUTION MA4010G

Candidate Name
GONZAGA

Category/Type

Office Sought: X House / Senate / President
State: MA District: 10

Disbursement For: 2002 Primary X General Other (specify)

Date of Disbursement
10 / 03 / 2002

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period
600.00

Transaction ID: L23b20021024648

B. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
HERNANDEZ FOR CONGRESS

Mailing Address
PO BOX 3245
City N. HOLLYWOOD State CA Zip Code 91609

Purpose of Disbursement
CONTRIBUTION CA4023G

Candidate Name
HERNANDEZ

Category/Type

Office Sought: X House / Senate / President
State: CA District: 28

Disbursement For: 2002 Primary X General Other (specify)

Date of Disbursement
10 / 03 / 2002

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period
500.00

Transaction ID: L23b20021024589

C. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
JOHN SWALLOW FOR CONGRESS

Mailing Address
949 EAST 12400 SOUTH SUITE B2
City DRAPER State UT Zip Code 84020

Purpose of Disbursement
CONTRIBUTION UTH002G

Candidate Name
SWALLOW

Category/Type

Office Sought: X House / Senate / President
State: UT District: 2

Disbursement For: 2002 Primary X General Other (specify)

Date of Disbursement
10 / 04 / 2002

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period
5000.00

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full)
REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

A. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
COM. TO ELECT LILLIAN BELARDO

Mailing Address
DE ONEAL TO CONGRESS 55 LA GRAND PRINCESS
City State Zip Code
ST CROIX, US VI ZZ 00820

Purpose of Disbursement
CONTRIBUTION VIHATUG

Candidate Name
LILLIAN BELARDO DE ONEAL

Category/Type

Office Sought: X House / Senate / President
State: VI District: 0

Disbursement For: 2002
Primary X General
Other (specify) #

Date of Disbursement
10 / 15 / 2002

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period
5000.00

Transaction ID: L23b20021024015

B. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
GABRIEL PERALES FOR CONGRESS

Mailing Address
13618 SHAVANO CROWNE
City State Zip Code
SAN ANTONIO TX 78230

Purpose of Disbursement
CONTRIBUTION TXH02NG

Candidate Name
GABRIEL PERALES

Category/Type

Office Sought: X House / Senate / President
State: TX District: 28

Disbursement For: 2002
Primary X General
Other (specify) #

Date of Disbursement
10 / 03 / 2002

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period
500.00

Transaction ID: L23b20021024030

C. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
TAFF FOR CONGRESS

Mailing Address
P.O. BOX 14458
City State Zip Code
LENEXA KS 66285

Purpose of Disbursement
CONTRIBUTION KSH03P

Candidate Name
TAFF

Category/Type

Office Sought: X House / Senate / President
State: KS District: 3

Disbursement For: 2002
Primary X General
Other (specify) #

Date of Disbursement
10 / 10 / 2002

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period
5000.00

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (in full)
REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

A. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
TAFF FOR CONGRESS

Mailing Address
P.O. BOX 14455
City: LENEXA
State: KS
Zip Code: 66285

Purpose of Disbursement
CONTRIBUTION KS#003G

Candidate Name
TAFF

Category/Type

Office Sought: X House / Senate / President
State: KS District: 3

Disbursement For: 2002
Primary X General
Other (specify) ▼

Date of Disbursement
10 / 10 / 2002

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period
5000.00

Transaction ID: L23b200210241250

B. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
VEGA FOR CONGRESS

Mailing Address
815 KODAK DRIVE
City: LOS ANGELES
State: CA
Zip Code: 90026

Purpose of Disbursement
CONTRIBUTION CAN031G

Candidate Name
VEGA

Category/Type

Office Sought: X House / Senate / President
State: CA District: 3

Disbursement For: 2002
Primary X General
Other (specify) ▼

Date of Disbursement
10 / 03 / 2002

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period
500.00

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