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Identification number: Friends of Tim Johnson  
 CD0350421

Reference: Amended Mid-Year Report, dated 11/21/01; Amended year-End Report, dated  
 3/5/02; and Amended 12 Day pre-Primary Report, dated 5/6/02

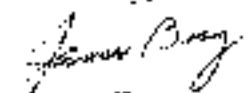
Dear Ms. Palmer:

This letter responds to your February 4, 2003 request for additional information concerning the  
 above referenced reports. Specifically, you asked for information concerning primary election  
 contributions from SBC Communications, Inc. Employee Federal PAC ("SBC PAC").

The \$5,000 contribution that was received on 12/1/2000 was inadvertently reported in error. This  
 contribution was not made for the 2002 primary election. Rather, it was designated for 2000  
 primary election debt retirement. Accordingly, Friends of Tim Johnson did not receive an excessive  
 contribution from SBC PAC. The amended 2000 Year-End Report and a copy of SBC PAC's  
 Schedule B supporting Line 23 disclosing the contribution for 2000 primary debt retirement are  
 enclosed for your review.

We trust this answers your questions. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further  
 questions.

Sincerely,



James Bray  
 Treasurer

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Any information reported on such Reports and Statements may not be sold or used by any person for the purpose of soliciting contributions or for commercial purposes, other than using the name and address of any political committee to solicit contributions from such committee.					
NAME OF COMMITTEE (OR FUND) GBC Communications Inc. Employee Federal Political Action Committee (GBC EMPAC)					
Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code THORBERRY FOR CONGRESS PO BOX 0002 AMARILLO TX 79105	Purpose of Disbursement William M. "Mac" Thornberry, U.S. HOUSE 1 (House - TX - 13)	Date (month, day, year) 1-10-2000	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 1000.00		
Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General					
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): 2000					
Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code JIM TURNER FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE 503 EAST COLIND STREET CROCKETT TX 75420	Purpose of Disbursement Jim Turner, U.S. HOUSE 3rd TX (House - TX - 2)	Date (month, day, year) 1-10-2000	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 1000.00		
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<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): 2000					
Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code Stations For US Senate PO Box 4945 Esp Leasing MI 48120	Purpose of Disbursement Debbie Blalock, U.S. SENATE MI (Senator - MI - 1)	Date (month, day, year) 1-17-2000	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 5000.00		
Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): 2000 General Debt Re					
Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code FRIENDS OF TIM JOHNSON P.O. BOX 17007 URBANA IL 61808	Purpose of Disbursement TIM JOHNSON, U.S. HOUSE 15th IL (House - IL - 15)	Date (month, day, year) 1-11-2000	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 5000.00		
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): 2000 Primary Debt Re					
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James Bray, Treasurer  
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Urbana, IL 61820

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Identification Number: C00350421

Reference: Amended Mid-Year Report (1/1/01-6/30/01), dated 11/21/01, Amended  
Year End Report (7/1/01-12/31/01), dated 3/5/02 and Amended 12 Day  
Pre-Primary Report (1/1/02-2/27/02), dated 5/6/02

Dear Mr. Bray:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's after further 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 discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act (see attached). You should examine all of your contributions to check for additional excessive contributions. The Committee's procedures for processing contributions should also be reviewed.

An individual or a political committee other than a qualified multicandidate committee may not make a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$1,000 per election. A qualified multicandidate committee and all affiliated committees may not make a contribution(s) to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election. The term "contribution" includes any gift, subscription, loan, advance, or deposit of money or anything of value made by any person for the purpose of influencing any election for federal office. (2 U.S.C. §441a(a) and (f); 11 CFR §110.1(b), (e) and (k))

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or

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incorrectly disclosed, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information.

If any contribution you received exceeds the limits, you may have to refund the excessive amount. The funds can be retained within sixty (60) days of receipt if, (1) the excessive amount was properly reattributed to another person, such as a joint account holder, by obtaining signed written authorizations from each person making the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR 110.1(k)(3), and (2) the treasurer informs the person making the contribution that he or she may request the return of the excessive portion of the contribution if it is not intended to be a joint contribution. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

Alternatively, the funds can be retained if within sixty (60) days of receipt, the excessive amount was properly designated for a different election, by obtaining signed written authorization from the contributor(s) pursuant to 11 CFR §110.1(b)(5) or §110.2(b)(5). Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions for reattributions or redesignations were not met within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount must be refunded. See 11 CFR §103.3(b)(1).

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for any refund and/or any photocopies of letters reattributing or redesignating the contributions in question. Refunds are reported on Line 20 of the Detailed Summary Page and on a supporting Schedule B of the report covering the period in which they are made. Redesignations and reattributions are reported as memo entries on Schedule A of the report covering the period in which the authorization for the redesignation and/or reattribution is received. (11 CFR §104.8(d)(2), (3) and (4))

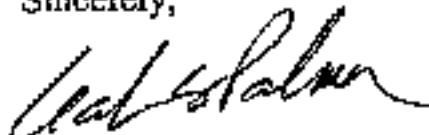
The acceptance of excessive contributions is a serious problem. Again, the committee's procedures for processing contributions should be examined and corrected in order to avoid this problem. Although the Commission may take further legal action, prompt action by you to refund or seek redesignation and/or reattribution of the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

A response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above

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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,



Leah Palmer  
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst  
Reports Analysis Division

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**EXCESSIVE  
CONTRIBUTIONS ON  
THE 2001 MID-YEAR, 2001 YEAR END, AND  
2002 APRIL QUARTERLY  
REPORTS**

**P = Primary Election  
G = General Election**

<b>CONTRIBUTOR NAME</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>ELECTION</b>
SBC Communications Inc. Employee Federal PAC	12/1/2000	\$5,000.00	P
SBC Communications Inc. Employee Federal PAC	4/10/2001	\$1,000.00	P
SBC Communications Inc. Employee Federal PAC	6/16/2001	\$2,000.00	P
SBC Communications Inc. Employee Federal PAC	10/18/2001	\$500.00	P
SBC Communications Inc. Employee Federal PAC	02/21/2002	\$1,500.00	P