



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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P. James Nicholson, Treasurer.
Maine Republican Party
76 Silver Street
Waterville, ME 04901

Identification Number: C00003111

Reference: Year End Report (7/1/99-12/31/99)

Dear Mr. Nicholson:

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) from an organization(s) which is not a political committee registered with the Commission. In order for your committee to accept contributions from unregistered organizations into accounts used to influence federal elections, your committee should take steps to insure that the contributor(s) used permissible funds to make the contribution(s) to avoid violating 2 U.S.C. §§441a(f) and 441b or 11 CFR §102.5(b). Under 11 CFR §102.5(b), organizations which are not political committees under the Act and choose to contribute to federal committees must either: 1) establish a separate account which contains only those funds permitted under the Act, or 2) demonstrate through a reasonable accounting method that the organization has received sufficient funds subject to the limitations and prohibitions in order to make the contribution.

If the contribution(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. In addition, please clarify whether the contribution(s) received from the referenced organization(s) is permissible. To the extent that your committee has received impermissible funds, the Commission recommends that you transfer the impermissible funds to an account not used to influence federal elections or refund the impermissible amount(s) to the

donor(s) in accordance with 11 CFR §103.3(b). 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 receiving a refund or granting written authorization for a transfer to another account.

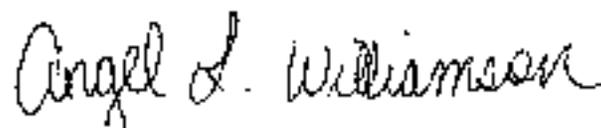
Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for the transfer-out or refund. Should you choose to transfer-out or refund the contribution(s), the Commission will presume the funds were impermissible if no statement from your committee provides information to the contrary. Transfers-out and refunds should be disclosed on a Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report covering the period during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of prohibited contributions, prompt action by your committee in transferring-out or refunding the amounts will be taken into consideration.

-Your EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE calculations for administrative/voter drive expenses are incorrect. EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals for administrative and voter drive costs are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year for the whole Administrative/Voter Drive category. EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals for fundraising, direct candidate support, and exempt activities are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year within a specific event. These should be calculated by adding the latest disbursement for a category or event to the previous EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE total for that category or event. This running EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE total should be disclosed after each disbursement is listed. Please amend your report by providing the correct EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals.

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,



Angel L. Williamson
Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

SCHEDULE A

ITEMIZED RECEIPTS

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full)

Maine Republican Party

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A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code
Franklin GOP Committee

Receipt For: Primary General
 Other (specify):

Name of Employer
Occupation
Aggregate Year-to-Date \$ 170⁻

Date (month, day, year)
9-17-99

Amount of Each Receipt this Period
170⁻

B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code

Receipt For: Primary General
 Other (specify):

Name of Employer
Occupation
Aggregate Year-to-Date \$ 0

Date (month, day, year)

Amount of Each Receipt this Period

C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code

Receipt For: Primary General
 Other (specify):

Name of Employer
Occupation
Aggregate Year-to-Date \$ 0

Date (month, day, year)

Amount of Each Receipt this Period

D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code

Receipt For: Primary General
 Other (specify):

Name of Employer
Occupation
Aggregate Year-to-Date \$ 0

Date (month, day, year)

Amount of Each Receipt this Period

E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code

Receipt For: Primary General
 Other (specify):

Name of Employer
Occupation
Aggregate Year-to-Date \$ 0

Date (month, day, year)

Amount of Each Receipt this Period

F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code

Receipt For: Primary General
 Other (specify):

Name of Employer
Occupation
Aggregate Year-to-Date \$ 0

Date (month, day, year)

Amount of Each Receipt this Period

G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code

Receipt For: Primary General
 Other (specify):

Name of Employer
Occupation
Aggregate Year-to-Date \$ 0

Date (month, day, year)

Amount of Each Receipt this Period

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full)

Maine Republican Party

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code
 Hancock County Republicans
 470 Agnes Lane
 RR 3 Box 200
 Ellsworth, ME 04805

Receipt For: Primary General
 Other (specify):

Name of Employer
 Occupation
 Date (month, day, year) 9-17-99
 Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$ 255-

Amount of Each Receipt This Period
 255.00

B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code
 Maine Republican House Fund
 PO Box 507
 Hallowell, ME 04347

Receipt For: Primary General
 Other (specify):

Name of Employer
 Occupation
 Date (month, day, year) 12-17-99
 Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$ 1000-

Amount of Each Receipt This Period
 1000-

C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code
 Committee for Responsible Service
 PO Box B
 Augusta, ME 04332

Receipt For: Primary General
 Other (specify):

Name of Employer
 Occupation
 Date (month, day, year) 12-20-99
 Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$

Amount of Each Receipt This Period
 250-

D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code
 Republican Majority 2000 PAC
 PO Box 507
 Hallowell, ME 04347

Receipt For: Primary General
 Other (specify):

Name of Employer
 Occupation
 Date (month, day, year) 12-12-99
 Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$

Amount of Each Receipt This Period
 1000-

E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code

Receipt For: Primary General
 Other (specify):

Name of Employer
 Occupation
 Date (month, day, year)
 Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$

Amount of Each Receipt This Period

F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code

Receipt For: Primary General
 Other (specify):

Name of Employer
 Occupation
 Date (month, day, year)
 Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$

Amount of Each Receipt This Period

G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code

Receipt For: Primary General
 Other (specify):

Name of Employer
 Occupation
 Date (month, day, year)
 Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$

Amount of Each Receipt This Period

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