



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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June 29, 2000

Ms. Sylvia L. Nolde, Treasurer
The Big Tent PAC
226 N Alfred Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Identification Number: C00285098

Reference: Mid-Year (1/1/99-6/30/99), Year End (7/1/99-12/31/99) and April
Quarterly (1/1/00-3/31/00) Reports

Dear Ms. Nolde:

This letter is to inform you that as of June 28, 2000, the Commission has not received your response to our requests for additional information dated June 7, 2000. These notices request information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. To ensure compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act (the Act), please respond to these requests (copies enclosed).

An adequate response must be received at the Commission by July 19, 2000. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Edward Ryan on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or our local number (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

John D. Gibson
Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

Enclosures



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Reference: April Quarterly Report (1/1/00-3/31/00)

Dear Ms. Nolde:

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:

-Please provide the total(s) for Line 10, Column A of the Summary Page. Note that changes in your figures may affect your Column B totals on this report and/or on subsequent reports.

-Your calculations for Line 11(a)(i), Column B appear to be incorrect. FEC calculations disclose this amount(s) to be \$425. Please provide the corrected total(s) on the Detailed Summary Page.

-2 U.S.C. §434(b)(3) requires itemization of contributions from individuals and persons other than political committees, where the aggregate total from the contributor exceeds \$200 in a calendar year. In addition, 11 CFR §104.3(a)(2)(i)(B) requires a committee to report the total amount of unitemized contributions (see Line 11(a)(ii) of the Detailed Summary Page). If a committee wishes to disclose contributions regardless of the amount contributed, the committee must separate (on separate receipt schedules) those contributors requiring itemization from those who are not required to be itemized. 11 CFR §104.3(a)(4)(i) For future filings, please submit your reports in this order.

-Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Contributions made to federal candidates that are subsequently voided or negated (-)

should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule B, supporting Line 23 (not Line 28(a)) of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions contained on the forms to determine the proper categorization when preparing your next filing.

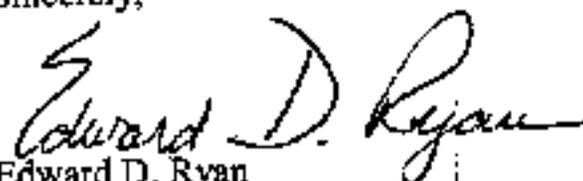
-Your report includes computer produced formats of the Summary Page, Detailed Summary Page, Schedule A, Schedule B. Computer produced formats may only be used upon prior approval of the Commission. You should submit a separate sample format with a cover letter requesting approval. Until your format has been approved, FEC forms must be used.
11 CFR §104.2(d)

If the software your committee is using to produce the Schedules of the FEC FORM 3X does not allow you to electronically file your report, you may want to call the vendor who produced your software to inquire about the availability of a software upgrade that includes electronic filing. A number of commercial software companies have added electronic filing capability to their products. A list of these companies is available on the FEC web site, <http://www.fec.gov>.

Alternatively, freeware (FECfile) available from the FEC, can help you complete and file your reports electronically. It installs easily, computerizes every schedule in the FEC FORM 3X, contains features to help you avoid common errors, allows you to file electronically, and has free technical support for your questions. You may obtain your free copy by downloading FECfile from our web site, <http://www.fec.gov>, or by calling the Electronic Filing Office at (202) 694-1307.

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 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



Edward D. Ryan

Reports Analyst

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