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December 3, 2001

Mr. Thomas F. Maxwell III
Reports Analyst
Federal Election Commission (FEC)
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463

Dear Mr. Maxwell:

Thank you for your assistance in resolving my electronic filing problems for my amendment to the 2000 Year End Report (originally filed 1/31/01). The system ultimately accepted my amended filing today.

I am attaching a copy of a letter from the America West Airlines PAC to the Bill Thomas Campaign Committee, which requests a refund of the contribution that our PAC made in error. The America West PAC had mistakenly believed that there was a campaign debt to retire after the 2000 General Election when, in fact, there was not.

When we receive the refund, we will report it under the required procedures for the FEC quarterly report.

These should correct the problems you notified us about concerning the 2000 Year End and the 2000 30-Day Post General reports. I believe this brings our PAC records into compliance.

Also, you asked me to informally report to you about the FEC's 800 electronic report line. I called them at the end of the afternoon on November 30 and they responded before noon the next business day, December 3. Since my problem had been resolved by then, I did not request specific assistance.

Again, thanks for your assistance. It would have been difficult to correct the reports without it.

Sincerely,

John Miller
Manager, Government Affairs, AWA PAC

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Bill Thomas Campaign Committee
PO Box 395
Bakersfield, CA 93302

Dear Campaign Committee:

I have recently been informed by the Federal Elections Committee that a campaign contribution that the America West Airlines, Inc. Federal PAC made to your committee was not permissible.

Our November 9, 2000 contribution of \$500.00 was given to you with a notation that it was to be used to pay off any remaining campaign debts. However, the FEC informs me that there was no remaining campaign debt, making the contribution for the 2000 election one that was made in error. Also, the deadline for redesignating contributions to the next election had passed before I realized our error. Therefore, we cannot simply redesignate the contribution.

Regrettably, we must ask that your campaign committee return the \$500.00 contribution to the America West Airlines, Inc. Federal PAC. Please accept my apology for making the error.

You may send the refund to:

John Miller, CH-GOV
America West Airlines PAC
4000 E. Sky Harbor Blvd.
Phoenix, AZ 85034

Thank you for your cooperation. Please keep us on your list for future fund-raising activities.

Sincerely,

John Miller
AWAPAC Manager

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