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Jorge Haynes, Treasurer
International Bank of Commerce Committee
for Improvement and Betterment of the
Country
1200 San Bernardo
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Reference: 12 Day Pre-General Report (10/1/96-10/16/96)

Dear Mr. Haynes:

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:

-The beginning cash balance of this report should equal the ending balance of your October Quarterly Report. Please clarify this discrepancy and amend any subsequent report(s) that may be affected by this correction.

-Your calculations for Line 8 appear to be incorrect. Cash-on-hand at the close of the current reporting period should always equal the closing calendar year-to-date cash-on-hand amount. Please provide the corrected total on the Summary Page.

-The totals listed on Lines 6(c), Column B of the Summary Page and Lines 11(a)(ii), 11(a)(iii), 11(d), 19 and 20, Column B of the Detailed Summary Page appear to be incorrect. Please be advised that you should add the "Calendar Year-to-Date" total from your previous report to the current "Total This Period" figure from Column A to derive the correct Column B totals. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.

-Your report disclosed certain categories of financial activity that have been reflected on the wrong lines of the Detailed Summary Page. Transfers to affiliated committees should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule

B, supporting Line 22 of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions contained on the forms to determine the proper categorization when preparing your next filing.

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) 219-3580.

Sincerely,



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