



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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Charles W. Maas, Treasurer
San Luis Obispo County
Democratic Central Committee
P.O. Box 15155
San Luis Obispo, CA 93406

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Identification Number: C00276659

Reference: July Quarterly Report (4/1/96-6/30/96)

Dear Mr. Maas:

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

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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.

-Schedule A of your report (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses a receipt(s) of \$110.00 from the San Luis Obispo Democrats. Please clarify whether this transfer(s) is from an account maintained by your committee for non-federal activity. If so, be advised that such a transfer is prohibited by 11 CFR §102.5(a)(1)(i) and the full amount of the transfer(s) should be returned to the non-federal account. Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for the transfer-out. In addition, the transfer-out should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 of your next report.

If this transaction represents an "internal transfer" of funds from one federal account to another, and the source(s) of such funds has been identified in previous reports of receipts and disbursements, please note that such transfers should not be itemized as doing so inflates total receipts and cash on hand. If this is the case, please amend your report accordingly.

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the acceptance of funds from a non-federal account, your prompt transfer-out of the impermissible funds or clarification of the transaction, will be taken into consideration.

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Any amendment or clarification should be filed with the Federal Election Commission. 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,

Debbie Manzano

Debbie Manzano
Senior Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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SCHEDULE A

ITEMIZED RECEIPTS

Use separate schedule(s) for each category of the Detailed Summary Page

TRANSFERRED FROM OTHER PARTY COMMITTEES

Any information copied from 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 (in full)

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A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code
 CALIFORNIA STATE DEMO.
 PARTY
 2000 ST Sacto CA 95817
 Receipt For: Primary General
 Other (specify):

Name of Employer
 VOTER REGIST.
 BOUNTY
 Occupation
 Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$ 726

Date (month, day, year)
 4/26

Amount of Each Receipt this Period
 361

B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code
 RE MORE DEMOCRATS
 PO BOX 6092
 LOS ANGELES CA 90042
 Receipt For: Primary General
 Other (specify):

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

Date (month, day, year)
 5/29

Amount of Each Receipt this Period
 100

C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code
 PARD RUCKER DEMOCRATS
 PO BOX 1074
 PARD RUCKER CA 93447
 Receipt For: Primary General
 Other (specify):

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

Date (month, day, year)
 4/26
 5/13

Amount of Each Receipt this Period
 34
 150

D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code
 SAN LUIS OBISPO DEMOCRATS
 PO BOX 15155
 SLO CA 93406
 Receipt For: Primary General
 Other (specify):

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

Date (month, day, year)
 4/14

Amount of Each Receipt this Period
 110

E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code
 Receipt For: Primary General
 Other (specify):

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

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 > \$

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 > \$

Date (month, day, year)

Amount of Each Receipt this Period

SUBTOTAL of Receipts This Page (optional)

755

TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only)

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