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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Dr. Timothy J. Gardner, Treasurer
The Society of Thoracic Surgeons
Political Action Committee; (STS PAC)
1200 19th Street, NW, Suite 300
Washington, DC 20036

Identification Number: C00325936

Reference: Mid-Year Report (1/1/97-6/30/97)

Dear Dr. Gardner:

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 B of your report (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses a contribution(s) which appears to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(a) precludes a political committee, other than a multicandidate committee, from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$1,000 per election. The Commission received your committee's Notification of Multicandidate Status (FEC FORM 1M). However, your committee did not meet the requirements for multicandidate status until August 2, 1997.

If the contribution(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. If you have made an excessive contribution, you should notify the recipient and request a refund of the amount in excess of \$1,000 and/or notify the recipient in writing of your redesignation of the contribution. In the best interest of your committee, all refunds and redesignations should be made within sixty days of the treasurer's receipt of the contribution(s).

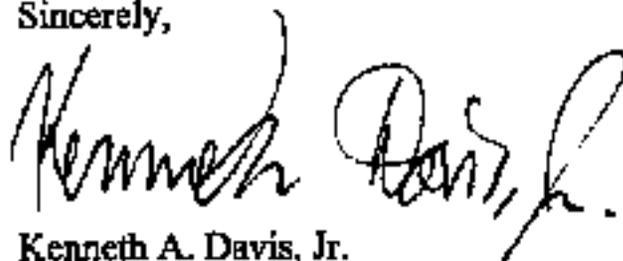
Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A

supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo entries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. 11 CFR §110.1(b)

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

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,



Kenneth A. Davis, Jr.
Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

SCHEDULE B

ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full)

SOCIETY OF THORACIC SURGEONS - PAC

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
SENATOR DON NICKLES FOR U.S. SENATE MIKE AND MARLYS DROM-DEBY 2101 CONNECTICUT AVE., APT. 35 WASHINGTON, DC 20036	CONTRIBUTION TO RE-ELECT SENATOR DON NICKLES Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	3/17/97	\$1,000.00
RE-ELECT NANCY BONWELL TO CONGRESS 4451 BROOKFIELD CONVENTE DR. CHANTILLY VA 20151-1652	CONTRIBUTION TO RE-ELECT CONGRESSWOMAN NANCY BONWELL Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	3/7/97	\$1,000.00
PEOPLE FOR GAUSKE COMMITTEE 4010 FRANCONIA ROAD ALEXANDRIA, VA 22310-2136	CONTRIBUTION TO RE-ELECT CONGRESSMAN GARY GAUSKE Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	4/4/97	\$500.00
CITIZENS FOR ALLEN SPECTER PETER AND DIANE TERPELUK 5009 UPTON ST., NW WASHINGTON DC 20036	CONTRIBUTION TO RE-ELECT SENATOR ALLEN SPECTER Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	5/6/97 6/25/97	\$2,000.00
JIM BUNNING FOR U.S. SENATE BOB AND SALLIE SUMMERS 8675 BAIDGETOWN CINCINNATI, OH 45243	CONTRIBUTION TO RE-ELECT SENATOR JIM BUNNING Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	6/10/97	\$1,000.00
THE GRASSLEY COMMITTEE P.O. BOX 6193 ALEXANDRIA VA 22306-6193	CONTRIBUTION TO RE-ELECT SENATOR CHARLES GRASSLEY Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	2/19/97 AND 6/11/97	\$2,000.00
CRANE FOR CONGRESS 4451 BROOKFIELD CONVENTE DR., #200 CHANTILLY, VA 20151-1652	CONTRIBUTION TO RE-ELECT CONGRESSMAN PHIL CRANE Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	4/16/97	\$1,000.00
FRIST FOR U.S. SENATE 4205 HILLSBORO RD., SUITE 306 NASHVILLE TN 37215-3336	CONTRIBUTION TO RE-ELECT SENATOR BILL FRIST Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	6/1/97	\$10,000.00
MANGEL FOR 106TH CONGRESS 530 SEVENTH STREET, SE WASHINGTON DC 20003	CONTRIBUTION TO RE-ELECT CONGRESSMAN CHAMBERLAIN MANGEL Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	5/21/97	\$1,000.00

SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional)

\$19,500.00

TOTAL This Period (feed page this line number only)

\$19,500.00

