



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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Jules Mermelstein, Treasurer
Montgomery County Democratic
Committee Federal Acct.
30 West Airy Street
Norristown, PA 19401

Identification Number: C00323253

Reference: 30 Day Post-General Report (10/15/96-12/5/96)

Dear Mr. Mermelstein:

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 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 \$1,000 from the Montgomery County Democratic Committee. 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.

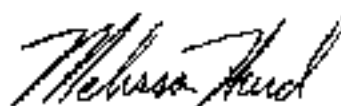
If this transaction represents an "internal transfer" of funds from one federal account to another, and the source(s) of such funds has been identified in previous reports of receipts and disbursements, please note that such transfers should not be itemized as doing so inflates total receipts and cash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

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa Hurd".

Melissa Hurd
Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

SCHEDULE A

ITEMIZED RECEIPTS

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

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE FEDERAL ACCOUNT

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A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code CITIZENS for MIKE CLARKE PO BOX 482 LANSDALE PA 19446 Receipt For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	Name of Employer Occupation Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$ 1000	Date (month, day, year) 10/29/96	Amount of Each Receipt this Period 1000.00
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE 30 W AIREY ST. NORRISTOWN PA 19401 Receipt For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	Name of Employer Occupation Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$ 1000	Date (month, day, year) 10/29/96	Amount of Each Receipt this Period 1000.00
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Receipt For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	Name of Employer Occupation Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Receipt this Period
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SUBTOTAL of Receipts This Page (optional)

TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only)

