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Peter Zarrella, Treasurer
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Committee
100 Longwater Circle
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Identification Number: C00258236

Reference: July Quarterly (4/1/96-6/30/96) and October Quarterly (7/1/96-9/30/96)
Reports

Dear Mr. Zarrella:

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:

-Please provide the totals for Lines 19 and 20, Columns A and B of the Detailed Summary Page. Note that changes in your figures may affect your Column B totals on this report and/or on subsequent reports.

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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**DETAILED SUMMARY PAGE
OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
PAGE 2, FEC FORM 3X**

(revised 1/1/91)

NAME OF COMMITTEE
Area Serono, Inc. Political Action Committee

REPORT COVERING PERIOD
FROM **7/1/96** TO **9/30/96**

		COLUMN A Total This Period	COLUMN B Calendar Year	
I. Receipts				
11.	Contributions (other than loans) From:			
a.	Individual/Persons Other Than Political Committees			
i.	Itemized (use Schedule A)	500.00	1500.00	11(a)
ii.	Unitemized			11(a)
iii.	Total (add i and ii) >	500.00	1500.00	11(a)(i)
b.	Political Party Committees			11(b)
c.	Other Political Committees (such as PACs)			11(c)
d.	Total Contributions (add a ii, b and c) >	500.00	1500.00	11(d)
12.	Transfers From Affiliated/Other Party Committees			12
13.	All Loans Received			13
14.	Loan Repayments Received			14
15.	Offsets To Operating Expenditures (Refunds, Rebates, etc.)			15
16.	Refunds of Contributions Made to Federal Candidates and Other Political Committees			16
17.	Other Federal Receipts (Dividends, Interest, etc.)			17
18.	Transfers from Nonfederal Account for Joint Activity			18
19.	Total Receipts (add 11d, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18) >	500.00	1500.00	19
20.	Total Federal Receipts (subtract line 18 from line 19) >			20
II. Disbursements				
21.	Operating Expenditures:			
a.	Shared Federal/Non-Federal Activity (from Schedule H4)			
i.	Federal Share			21(a)
ii.	Non-Federal Share			21(a)
b.	Other Federal Operating Expenditures			21(b)
c.	Total Operating Expenditures (add a i, a ii, and b) >			21(c)
22.	Transfers to Affiliated/Other Party Committees			22
23.	Contributions to Federal Candidates/Committees and Other Political Committees	500.00	1500.00	23
24.	Independent Expenditures (use Schedule E)			24
25.	Coordinated Expenditures Made by Party Committees (2 U.S.C. 441a(d)) (use Schedule F)			25
26.	Loan Repayments Made			26
27.	Loans Made			27
28.	Refunds of Contributions To:			
a.	Individuals/Persons Other Than Political Committees			28(a)
b.	Political Party Committees			28(b)
c.	Other Political Committees (such as PACs)			28(c)
d.	Total Contribution Refunds (add a, b and c) >			28(d)
29.	Other Disbursements			29
30.	Total Disbursements (add 21c, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28d, and 29) >	500.00	1500.00	30
31.	Total Federal Disbursements (subtract line 21 a ii from line 30) >	500.00	1500.00	31
III. Net Contributions/Operating Expenditures				
32.	Total Contributions (other than loans)(from line 11d)	500.00	1500.00	32
33.	Total Contribution Refunds (from line 28d)			33
34.	Net Contributions (other than loans)(subtract line 33 from 32)	500.00	1500.00	34
35.	Total Federal Operating Expenditures (add 21 a i and 21 b) >			35
36.	Offsets to Operating Expenditures (from line 15)			36
37.	Net Operating Expenditures (subtract line 36 from 35) >			37