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Federal Election Commission  
999 E. St., NW  
Washington, DC 20463

Attn: Adam Ragau, Reports Analyst

Reference: Your Letter Dated June 26, 2000  
April 15 Quarterly Report (1/1/00-3/31/00)

Dear Mr. Ragau:

We are in receipt of your letter regarding receipt of excessive contributions. On July 3, 2000 we mailed refund checks to James Lexo, Lawrence Markley, and Robert Thorstenson. Our campaign recently upgraded software from Aristotle Campaign Manager III to Campaign Manager IV on January 1, 2000. The older version had a warning when a contributor exceeded his limit. This would give us time to contact the contributor to redesignate the contribution. I have tried to devise my own report to avoid this situation in the future.

In regard to John Simler, he did not contribute an additional \$ 1000 to the Primary Election. The March 31 report shows the same date (12/29/99) as the original contribution. In addition it clearly says "Memo" below the amount and at the top of the page. All we were trying to do here was report Mr. Simler's occupation and employer in a subsequent report. We have followed this method in the past when we needed to report employer information that we did not have on the original report.

We appreciate you bringing these errors to our attention.

Robert J. Bohnerl  
Treasurer

CC: Lt. Governor Fran Ulmer  
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