



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20541

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April 17, 2003

James P. Nicholson, Treasurer
Maine Republican Party
76 Silver Street
Waterville, ME 04901

Identification Number: C00003111

Reference: Amended 30 Day Post-General Report (10/17/02-11/25/02), received
2/12/03

Dear Mr. Nicholson:

On March 26, 2003 you were notified that a review of the above-referenced report(s) raised questions as to specific contributions and/or expenditures, and the reporting of certain information required by the Federal Election Campaign Act.

Your April 11, 2003 response is incomplete because you have not provided all the requested information. For this response to be considered adequate, the following information is still required.

-The totals listed on Lines 21(b), 21(c) and 29, Column B of the Summary and Detailed Summary Page(s) appear to be incorrect. Please be advised that you should add the "Calendar Year-to-Date" total from your previous report to the current "Total This Period" figure from Column A to derive the correct Column B totals. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.

-Please clarify all expenditures made for "President Visit Promotional Expense" and "Vice Presidents Visit Promotional Expense" on Schedule(s) H4. If a portion or all of these expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified federal candidates, this amount should be disclosed on Schedules B, E, or F supporting Lines 23, 24, or 25 and include the amount, name, address and office sought by each candidate. 11 CFR §§104.3(b) and 106.1

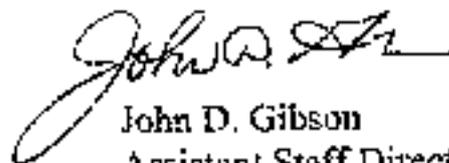
-Please clarify all expenditures for "voter registration" and/or "GOTV". If any of these activities referenced House or Senate candidates, they should be allocated accordingly, unless merely incidental to the overall activity. If a portion or all of these expenditures were made on behalf of federal candidates, they should be reported on Schedules B, E, or F for Lines 23, 24, or 25 of the Detailed Summary Page, as appropriate.

-itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule H4 of your report to clarify the following description(s): "Casual labor CASUAL LABOR," "Expense Reimbursement CASUAL LABOR," Consulting CASUAL LABOR," and "General Consulting." For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

An adequate response must be received at the Commission by May 7, 2003. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions for time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Kristen Davis on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division), our local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



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