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Samuel M. Wai, Treasurer
American Crystal Sugar Company
Political Action Committee
101 North Third Street
Moorhead, MN 56560

JAN 30 2002

Identification Number: C00110338

Reference: Amended April Monthly Report (3/1/01-3/31/01) received 4/17/01

Dear Mr. Wai:

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:

-Commission Regulations require that a committee disclose the identification of all individuals who contribute in excess of \$200 in a calendar year. (11 CFR §104.3(a)(4)(i)) Identification for an individual is defined as the full name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer. (11 CFR §100.12) Your report discloses contributions from individuals for which the identification is not complete.

You must provide the missing information, or if you are unable to do so, you must demonstrate that "best efforts" have been used to obtain the information. To establish "best efforts," you must provide the Commission with a detailed description of your procedures for requesting the information. Establishing "best efforts" is a three-fold process.

First, your original solicitation must include a clear and conspicuous request for the contributor information and must inform the contributor of the requirements of federal law for the reporting of such information. (11 CFR §104.7(b)(1))

Second, if the information is not provided, you must make one follow-up, stand alone effort to obtain this information, regardless of whether the contribution(s) was solicited or not. This effort must occur no later than 30

days after receipt of the contribution and may be in the form of a written request or an oral request documented in writing. (11 CFR § 104.7(b)(2))
The request must:

- clearly ask for the missing information, without soliciting a contribution;
- inform the contributor of the requirements of federal law for the reporting of such information, and
- if the request is written, include a pre-addressed post card or return envelope.

Third, if you receive contributor information after the contribution(s) has been reported, you shall either a) file with your next regularly scheduled report, an amended memo Schedule A listing all the contributions for which additional information was received; or b) file on or before your next regularly scheduled reporting date, amendments to the report(s) originally disclosing the contribution(s). (11 CFR §104.7(b)(4))

Please provide the missing information or a detailed description of your procedures for requesting the information. For more information on demonstrating "best efforts," please refer to the Campaign Guide.

-Schedule B supporting Line 23 of your report discloses one or more contributions to a candidate(s) for the 2000 General election; however, the funds were disbursed after the election date(s) (pertinent portion(s) attached). Please note that contributions may not be designated for an election which has already occurred unless the funds are to be used to reduce a candidate committee's debts incurred during that election campaign.

If any apparently impermissible contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information.

If you have made an impermissible contribution, you must request a refund or provide a written authorization for a redesignation of the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §110.2(b) within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt.

If the foregoing conditions for redesignations were not met within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt, your committee must obtain a refund.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request sent

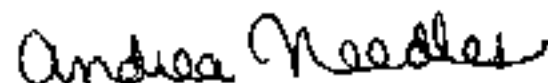
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to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo entries on Schedule B supporting 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 this impermissible activity, your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

A response or 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. Electronic filers must file amendments 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 need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



Andrea Needles
Senior Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

SCHEDULE B

ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full)
American Crystal Sugar Company Political Action Committee

Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code Friends For Cliff Stearns 4451 Brookfield Corporate Drive Suite 200 Chantilly VA 20151	Purpose of Disbursement Cliff Stearns, U.S. HOUSE 8th FL (House - FL - 6) Disbursement for: ☒ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify): 2002	Date (month, day, year) 03/20/2001	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 1000.00
Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code Latham For Congress Committee 4010 Franconia Road Alexandria VA 22310-2136	Purpose of Disbursement Tom Latham, U.S. HOUSE 5th IA (House - IA - 5) Disbursement for: ☒ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify): 2002	Date (month, day, year) 03/20/2001	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 500.00
Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code Gephhardt-In-Congress 2850 Connecticut Ave. 1st Floor Washington DC 20008	Purpose of Disbursement Richard A. Gephhardt, U.S. HOUSE 3rd MO (House - MO - 3) Disbursement for: ☒ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify): 2002	Date (month, day, year) 03/20/2001	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 1000.00
Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code Stabenow for US Senate 238 Massachusetts Ave, NE Suite 202 Washington DC 20002	Purpose of Disbursement Debbie Stabenow, U.S. SENATE MI (Senate - MI -) Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify): 2000	Date (month, day, year) 03/20/2001	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 1000.00
Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code DAK PAC 420 C Street, NE Lower Level Washington DC 20002	Purpose of Disbursement Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify): 2001	Date (month, day, year) 03/21/2001	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 1000.00
Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code Gephhardt-In-Congress 2850 Connecticut Ave. 1st Floor Washington DC 20008	Purpose of Disbursement Richard A. Gephhardt, U.S. HOUSE 3rd MO (House - MO - 3) Disbursement for: ☒ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify): 2002	Date (month, day, year) 03/22/2001	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 1000.00
Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code DAK PAC 420 C Street, NE Lower Level Washington DC 20002	Purpose of Disbursement Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify): 2001	Date (month, day, year) 03/22/2001	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 1000.00
Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code Bonior For Congress PO Box 76214 Washington DC 20013-5214	Purpose of Disbursement Voted Check (House - MI - 10) Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify): 2000	Date (month, day, year) 03/22/2001	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period -1000.00
Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code National Republican Congressional Committee 320 1st Street SE Washington DC 20003	Purpose of Disbursement Salute to Committee Chairmen Dinner Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify): 2001	Date (month, day, year) 03/27/2001	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 5000.00

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