

Committee For Thorough Agricultural Political Education

of
Dairy Farmers of America, Inc.

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April 16, 1998

Debbie Manzano
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Federal Election Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20463

Identification Number: C00001594

Dear Ms. Manzano:

This letter is in response to your letter dated April 3, 1998 and our telephone conversation on April 9, 1998.

Associated Milk Producers, Inc. (AMPI) was a dairy cooperative established in 1969. AMPI's organizational structure was two autonomous geographic regions. They were named the Southern Region and the North Central Region.

AMPI had one separate segregated fund (SSF) known as the Committee for Thorough Agricultural Political Education of Associated Milk Producers, Inc. (C-TAPE).

In 1997, AMPI began merger talks with three other dairy cooperatives. Within AMPI, the Southern Region wanted to merge with the other cooperatives and the North Central Region did not.

As a result of this disagreement the two AMPI Regions mutually decided to break-up.

In order to divide the funds in C-TAPE between the two regions before the break-up, AMPI established a SSF for the North Central Region. That SSF was named Associated Milk Producers, Inc. -North Central Political Action Committee (AMPI-NCPAC).

At that point the two SSFs were affiliated and funds attributable to the North Central Region were transferred to AMPI-NCPAC and funds attributable to the Southern Region were retained in C-TAPE.

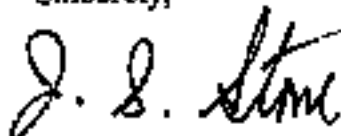
We used the FEC Advisory Opinion 1996-23 issued for the ITT Corporation's break-up and related dividing of their PACs' resources as a guide in this matter.

On December 31, 1997, the break-up of AMPI took place and the AMPI Southern Region and C-TAPE merged into a cooperative named Dairy Farmers of America, Inc. C-TAPE filed an amended Statement of Organization on January 7, 1998 changing the SSF's name to reflect the new connected organization's name (Committee for Thorough Agricultural Political Education of Dairy Farmers of America, Inc.). Please see attached Statement of Organization.

Upon the AMPI break-up, the AMPI North Central Region became North Central AMPI, Inc. and their SSF changed its name, to reflect that, in January 1998 to North Central AMPI, Inc. Political Action Committee (NCAMPIPAC).

I hope this clarifies all the changes that took place, if not please do not hesitate to call me for any further explanation at 817-548-6803 or fax 817-548-6809.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. S. Stone".

J. S. Stone
Treasurer

Committee for Thorough Agricultural Political Education

of

Dairy Farmers of America, Inc.

P. O. Box 5288

Arlington, Texas 76005

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Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20463

RE: FEC ID Number: C00001594

Dear Federal Election Commissioners:

Enclosed is an amended Statement of Organization for Committee for Thorough Agricultural Political Education of Dairy Farmers of America, Inc. (previously Committee for Thorough Agricultural Political Education of Associated Milk Producers, Inc.).

Our connected organization's name changed on January 1, 1998 to Dairy Farmers of America, Inc. from Associated Milk Producers, Inc.

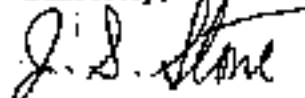
Our name change is the result of the official break-up of Associated Milk Producers, Inc. on December 31, 1997 and the immediate merger of AMPI's Southern Region and its PAC (C-TAPE) into Dairy Farmers of America, Inc.

Also, the break-up ended our affiliation with Associated Milk Producers, Inc.-North Central Political Action Committee.

Additionally, on December 31, 1997 we terminated the New Mexicans for Thorough Agricultural Political Education. This was an affiliated non-federal PAC that supported only New Mexico State elected officials. Please eliminate it from our previous list of affiliated committees.

You may call me at 817-548-6803 if you have questions or comments. My fax number is 817-548-6809.

Sincerely,



J. S. Stone
Treasurer

STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION

(See reverse side for instructions)

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| 1. (a) NAME OF COMMITTEE IN FULL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Check if name is changed) COMMITTEE FOR THOROUGH AGRICULTURAL POLITICAL EDUCATION OF DAIRY FARMERS OF AMERICA, INC. (C-TAPE OF DFA) | 2. DATE 1-1-98 |
| (b) Number and Street Address <input type="checkbox"/> (Check if address is changed) P.O. BOX 5288 | 3. FEC Identification Number 000001594 |
| (c) City, State and ZIP Code ARLINGTON, TX 76005-5288 | 4. Is This Report An Amendment? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |

5. TYPE OF COMMITTEE (Check one)

- (a) This committee is a principal campaign committee. (Complete the candidate information below.)
- (b) This committee is an authorized committee, and is NOT a principal campaign committee. (Complete the candidate information below.)
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| Name of Candidate | Candidate Party Affiliation | Office Sought | State/District |
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- (c) This committee supports/opposes only one candidate _____ and is NOT an authorized committee.
(name of candidate)
- (d) This committee is a _____ committee of the _____ Party.
(National, State or subordinate) (Democratic, Republican, etc.)
- (e) This committee is a separate segregated fund.
- (f) This committee supports/opposes more than one Federal candidate and is NOT a separate segregated fund or a party committee.

| B. Name of Any Connected Organization or Affiliated Committee | Mailing Address and ZIP Code | Relationship |
|---|--|--------------|
| DAIRY FARMERS OF AMERICA, INC. (SEE ATTACHMENT A FOR LIST FOR AFFILIATED COMMITTEES) | 3253 E. CHESTNUT EXPRESSWAY SPRINGFIELD, MO 65802 | CONNECTED |

Type of Connected Organization
 Corporation Corporation w/o Capital Stock Labor Organization Membership Organization Trade Association Cooperative

7. Custodian of Records: Identify by name, address (phone number -- optional) and position of the person in possession of committee books and records.

| Full Name | Mailing Address | Title or Position |
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| TREASURER | | |

8. Treasurer: List the name and address (phone number -- optional) of the treasurer of the committee; and the name and address of any designated agent (e.g., assistant treasurer).

| Full Name | Mailing Address | Title or Position |
|-------------|---|-------------------|
| J. S. STONE | P.O. BOX 5288 ARLINGTON, TX 76005-5288 | TREASURER |

9. Banks or Other Depositories: List all banks or other depositories in which the committee deposits funds, holds accounts, rents safety deposit boxes or maintains funds.

| Name of Bank, Depository, etc. | Mailing Address and ZIP Code |
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| SAME AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BY C-TAPE OF AMPI | |

I certify that I have examined this Statement and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

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| TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF TREASURER J. S. STONE | SIGNATURE OF TREASURER | DATE 1-7-98 |
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NOTE: Submission of false, erroneous, or incomplete information may subject the person signing this Statement to the penalties of 2 U.S.C. §437g. ANY CHANGE IN INFORMATION SHOULD BE REPORTED WITHIN 10 DAYS.

For further information contact:
Federal Election Commission
Toll-free 800-424-9530
Local 202-219-8420

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STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION

ATTACHMENT A

(CONTINUED) COMMITTEE FOR THOROUGH AGRICULTURAL POLITICAL EDUCATION OF DAIRY FARMERS OF AMERICA, INC.

| B. Name of Any Connected Organization or Affiliated Committee | Mailing Address and ZIP Code | Relationship |
|--|--|--------------|
| DAIRY FARMERS OF AMERICA, INC. DEPAC (DAIRY EDUCATIONAL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE) | 3253 E. CHESTNUT EXPRESSWAY SPRINGFIELD, MO 65802 | AFFILIATED |
| DAIRY FARMERS OF AMERICA, INC. MMI-PAC | 8257 DOW CIRCLE P.O. BOX 368017 STRONGSVILLE, OH 44136 | AFFILIATED |
| DAIRY FARMERS OF AMERICA, INC. POLITICAL ACTION TRUST POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE | 12450 N. WASHINGTON STREET THORNTON, CO 80241 | AFFILIATED |
| ARKANSANS FOR THOROUGH AGRICULTURAL POLITICAL EDUCATION (A-TAPE) | P.O. BOX 45026 LITTLE ROCK, AR 72214 | AFFILIATED |
| KANSANS FOR THOROUGH AGRICULTURAL POLITICAL EDUCATION (K-TAPE) | 400 N. MAIN HILLSBORO, KS 67063 | AFFILIATED |
| TEXANS FOR THOROUGH AGRICULTURAL POLITICAL EDUCATION (TEX-TAPE) | P.O. BOX 5040 ARLINGTON, TX 76005 | AFFILIATED |

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