



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Carol A. Sebesta, Treasurer
Abbott Laboratories Better
Government Fund
100 Abbott Park Road, D-312, AP6D/2
Abbott Park, IL 60064

JUL 15 1998

Identification Number: C00040279

Reference: December Monthly (11/1/97-11/30/97) and Year End
(12/1/97-12/31/97) Reports

Dear Ms. Sebesta:

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:

-Schedule B of your report (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses a contribution(s) which appears to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(a) precludes a multicandidate committee and its affiliates from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election.

If the contribution(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. If you have made an excessive contribution, you should notify the recipient and request a refund of the amount in excess of \$5,000 and/or notify the recipient in writing of your redesignation of the contribution. In the best interest of your committee, all refunds and redesignations should be made within sixty days of the treasurer's receipt of the contribution(s).

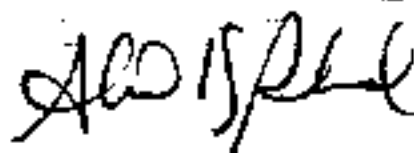
Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. 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 the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

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) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



Alicia K. Richardson
Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full)
ABBOTT LABS BETTER GOVT FUND C00040279

Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Disburse. For:	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
CHET EDWARDS FOR CONGRESS PO BOX 70528 WASHINGTON, DC 20056	CHET EDWARDS - US HOUSE OF REP 11TH DISTRICT - TEXAS 1996 Aggregate Year to date: \$500.00	Primary	08-10-95	500.00
PHIL ENGLISH COMMITTEE 510 11TH STREET, SE WASHINGTON, DC 20005	PHIL ENGLISH - US HOUSE OF REP 21ST DISTRICT - PA 1996 Aggregate Year to date: \$500.00	Primary	08-10-95	500.00
HATCH ELECTION COMMITTEE 8125 HADY AVENUE SPRINGFIELD, VA 22152	ORREN HATCH-U.S.SENATE UTAH - 2000 Aggregate Year to date: \$1,000.00	Primary	08-10-95	1,000.00
NANCY JOHNSON FOR CONGRESS P.O. BOX 1726 NEW BRITAIN, CT 06750	NANCY L. JOHNSON-U.S.HOUSE REPS 6TH DISTRICT-CONNECTICUT 1996 Aggregate Year to date: \$500.00	Primary	08-10-95	500.00
MOSELEY-BRAUN FOR U.S. SENATE 4306 WESTLARK PLACE, N.W. WASHINGTON, DC 20016	CAROL MOSELEY-BRAUN - SENATE ILLINOIS - 1998 Aggregate Year to date: \$1,000.00	Primary	08-10-95	1,000.00
OXLEY FOR CONGRESS 1800 R STREET, NW SUITE 605 WASHINGTON, DC 20009	MICHAEL G. OXLEY-U.S.HOUSE REPS 4TH DISTRICT - OHIO 1996 Aggregate Year to date: \$1,000.00	Primary	08-10-95	1,000.00
DEBORAH PRYCE FOR CONGRESS 340 EAST 6TH STREET COLUMBUS, OH 43215	DEBORAH PRYCE-US HOUSE OF REPS 15TH DISTRICT-OHIO 1996 Aggregate Year to date: \$500.00	Primary	08-10-95	500.00

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MORAN, JERRY 811 CHESTNUT PLACE ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314	JERRY MORAN - US HOUSE OF REPS 1ST DISTRICT - KANSAS 1998 Aggregate Year to date: \$500.00	Primary	1998 07-07-97	500.00
<i>ALL</i> MOSELEY-BRAUN FOR U.S. SENATE 819 SOUTH MCFARLANE SUITE 505 CHICAGO, IL 60605	CAROL MOSELEY-BRAUN - SENATE ILLINOIS - 1998 Aggregate Year to date: \$2,000.00	Primary	1998 07-07-97	2,000.00
NEUMANN FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE 17 SOUTH RIVER STREET JANESVILLE, WI 53515	MARK NEUMANN-US HOUSE OF REPS 1ST DISTRICT-WISCONSIN 1998 Aggregate Year to date: \$1,000.00	Primary	1998 07-07-97	500.00
OXLEY FOR CONGRESS 1530 O STREET, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20005	MICHAEL G. OXLEY-U.S. HOUSE REPS 4TH DISTRICT - OHIO 1997 Aggregate Year to date: \$1,000.00	Primary	1997 07-22-97	1,000.00
PRICE, DAVID P.O. BOX 1574 RALEIGH, NC 27602	DAVID PRICE - US HOUSE OF REPS 4TH DISTRICT-N.CAROLINA 1998 Aggregate Year to date: \$500.00	Primary	1998 07-07-97	500.00
RANGEL FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE P.O. BOX 5577 MANHATTANVILLE STATION NEW YORK, NY 10027	CHARLES RANGEL-US HOUSE OF REP 15TH DISTRICT-NEW YORK 1997 Aggregate Year to date: \$1,000.00	Primary	1997 07-22-97	1,000.00

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MATEMI FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE 5501 CHEROKEE AVE SUITE 112 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22312	ROBERT MATSUI-US HOUSE OF REP 5TH DISTRICT-CALIFORNIA 1997 Aggregate Year to date: \$500.00	Primary 97	11-03-97	500.00
MOSELEY-BRAUN FOR U.S. SENATE 319 SOUTH WYOMING SUITE 505 CHICAGO, IL 60605	CAROL MOSELEY-BRAUN - SENATE ILLINOIS - 1996 Aggregate Year to date: \$3,800.00	Primary 97	11-03-97	1,000.00
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LOFGREN, DON 236 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, NE SUITE 206 WASHINGTON, DC 20012	DOE LOFGREN - US HOUSE OF REPS 16TH DISTRICT - CA 1998 Aggregate Year to date: \$1,000.00	Primary '98	12-24-97	500.00
TRENT LOTT FOR MISSISSIPPI PO BOX 2282 JACKSON, MS 39225	TRENT LOTT - U. S. SENATE MISSISSIPPI - 2000 Aggregate Year to date: \$5,000.00	Primary '200	12-24-97	2,000.00
MOSELEY-BRAUN FOR U.S. SENATE 219 SOUTH MICHIGAN SUITE 505 CHICAGO, IL 60605	CAROL MOSELEY-BRAUN - SENATE ILLINOIS - 1998 Aggregate Year to date: \$5,000.00	Primary '97	12-24-97	2,000.00
EARL POMEROY FOR CONGRESS P.O. BOX 4619 WASHINGTON, DC 20013	EARL POMEROY - US HOUSE OF REP AT LARGE - NORTH DAKOTA 1996 Aggregate Year to date: \$500.00	Primary '98	12-31-97	500.00
DEBORAH PRYCE FOR CONGRESS 1210 NORTH WERNER STREET ARLINGTON, VA 22202	DEBORAH PRYCE-US HOUSE OF REPS 15TH DISTRICT- OHIO 1996 Aggregate Year to date: \$1,000.00	Primary '98	12-24-97	1,000.00
RAHALL, NICK P.O. BOX 1100 WASHINGTON DC 20004	NICK RAHALL-U.S.HOUSE OF REPS 6TH DISTRICT W. VIRGINIA- 1992 Aggregate Year to date: \$122.00	Primary '98	12-11-97	122.00
MATT SALMON FOR CONGRESS P.O. BOX 24700 TAMPA, AZ 33285	MATT SALMON - US HOUSE OF REPS 38TH DISTRICT - ARIZONA 1996 Aggregate Year to date: \$500.00	Primary '98	12-24-97	500.00

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