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1050 31st Street, NW
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Reference: October Monthly Report (9/1/02-9/30/02)

Dear Mr. Cohen:

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:

-The totals listed on Lines 11(a)(iii), 11(d), 15, 19, 20, 21(b), 21(c), 28(a), 28(d), 30 and 31, Column B of the 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.

-The beginning cash balance of this report should equal the ending balance of your 11/22/02 Amended September Monthly Report. Please clarify this discrepancy and amend any subsequent report(s) that may be affected by this correction.

-Your calculations for Lines 6(c) and 7, Column B appear to be incorrect. FEC calculations disclose these amounts to be \$2,850,744.02 and \$2,737,077.98, respectively. Please provide the corrected totals on the Summary Page.

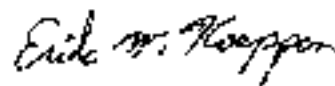
-Your calculations for Line 8 appear to be incorrect. Cash-on-hand at the close of the current reporting period should always equal the closing

calendar year-to-date cash-on-hand amount. Please provide the corrected total on the Summary Page.

-You have received contributions from numerous entities, which appear to be unincorporated proprietorships or partnerships. Generally, these types of contributions are to be attributed to each person based on their percentage of ownership in the firm. Each person who has contributed in excess of \$200 since January 1 should be identified by name, address, occupation, name of employer, amount of contribution, and aggregate total on Schedule A. 11 CFR §110.1(k) Please amend your report by providing the omitted information.

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 (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 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,



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