



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

1325 K STREET N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

THIS IS THE END OF MUR # 572

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

1125 K STREET N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

August 21, 1978

CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Miss Nancy J. Bacon, Treasurer  
Committee of 1976 for Bates for  
Congress  
503 West Church Street  
Union City, Tennessee 38261

Re: MUR 572 (78)

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Sincerely,

William C. Oldaker  
General Counsel

Enclosures

Certification  
General Counsel's Report

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

FIRST GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSMITTAL  
BY OGC TO COMMISSION \_\_\_\_\_

MUR NO. 572  
STAFF MEMBER(S) \_\_\_\_\_  
Christian

SOURCE OF MUR: I N T E R N A L L Y G E N E R A T E D

RESPONDENT'S NAME: 1. Barn Restaurant, Inc.  
2. Committee of 1976 for Bates for Congress  
(Bates Committee)

RELEVANT STATUTE: 2 U.S.C. §441b

INTERNAL REPORTS CHECKED: Bates Committee Reports

FEDERAL AGENCIES CHECKED: None

GENERATION OF MATTER

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
	)	MUR 572 (78)
Barn Restaurant, Inc.	)	
Committee of 1976 for Bates	)	
for Congress	)	

CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, Secretary to the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on August 18, 1978, the Commission determined by a vote of 5-0 to adopt the recommendation of the General Counsel to take the following actions in the above-captioned matter:

1. Find no reason to believe the Barn Restaurant, Inc. and the Committee of 1976 for Bates for Congress violated 2 U.S.C. §441b in connection with a fundraising dinner held on May 31, 1976.
2. Send the letters attached to the First General Counsel's Report.

Voting for these determinations were Commissioners Aikens, Harris, Tiernan, Staebler and Springer.

Attest:

8/18/78

Date

Margaret E. Charney

*for*

Marjorie W. Emmons  
Secretary to the Commission

First General Counsel's Report dated:	Undated
Received in Office of Commission Secretary:	8-15-78, 5:00
Circulated on 48 hour vote basis:	8-16-78, 11:30

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August 15, 1978

MEMORANDUM TO: Marge Emmons  
FROM: Elissa T. Gar  
SUBJECT: MUR 572

Please have the attached First General Counsel's report distributed to the Commission on a 48 hour tally basis.

Thank you.

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Schedule A  
January 1976  
Federal Election Commission  
1225 H Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20543

Contributions, Expenditures, Loans, Debts, and Transfers for Candidates, Committees, and Members for Candidates  
Numbers 10, 11, 12 and/or 13 of FEG Form 3  
(Continued on back)

Page 1 of 2  
Total Contributions \$100  
(Use separate schedule for each numbered block)

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Name of Candidate or Committee in full		Date (month, day, year)	Amount of each receipt this period
Committee of 1976 for Dates for Congress			
Full name, mailing address and ZIP code Carl Leckro Highway 51 South South Fulton, TN 38001	Contribution in kind	5/31/76	
Principal place of business The Barn Restaurant Highway 51 South Fulton, TN 38001	Contribution Restaurant Owner and Operator <input type="checkbox"/> Check if Contribution in kind Amount Received \$900.75		\$900.75
Full name, mailing address and ZIP code Vada Leckro Highway 51 South South Fulton, TN 38001	Contribution in kind	5/31/76	
Principal place of business The Barn Restaurant Highway 51 South Fulton, TN 38001	Contribution Restaurant Owner and Operator <input type="checkbox"/> Check if Contribution in kind Amount Received \$900.75		\$900.75
Full name, mailing address and ZIP code Don Hardin Box 10 Union City, TN 38001	Contribution in kind	6/6/76	
Principal place of business H & O Tool & Die, Inc. 650 West Cheatham Union City, TN 38001	Contribution Owner and Operator <input type="checkbox"/> Check if Contribution in kind Amount Received \$200.00		\$200.00
Full name, mailing address and ZIP code Larry H. Veroff 100 Ivan Street Memphis, TN 38107	Contribution in kind	6/16/76	
Principal place of business	Contribution Friendship <input type="checkbox"/> Check if Contribution in kind Amount Received \$1000.00		\$1000.00
Full name, mailing address and ZIP code Walter Spotsifin Box 1 York, TN 38000 (Residence)	Mailing address: Box 500 Union City, TN 38001	6/18/76	\$ 500.00
Principal place of business W. J. Spotsifin, Attorney 311 South Third Union City, TN 38001	Contribution Attorney <input type="checkbox"/> Check if Contribution in kind Amount Received \$500.00		\$ 500.00
Full name, mailing address and ZIP code Dorothy D. Tines 677 Breunling Avenue Burlington, TN 38004	Contribution in kind	5/27/76	\$ 50.00
Principal place of business Bank of Holmansville Box 111 Burlington, TN 38004	Contribution Bank Vice President <input type="checkbox"/> Check if Contribution in kind Amount Received \$100.00	6/10/76	\$ 100.00
Grand total receipts this period (optional) .....			\$ 2,002.50
Total this period (see page 1 for number entry) .....			\$ 0

ATTACHMENT I

(Required) **Disbursements**  
**Campaign Advertising, Loans, and Transfers**  
 for Lines 20, 21, 22, and/or 23 of FGS Form 3  
 (to be transmitted with)

(to be filled in by  
 campaign manager) **FD**  
 (This amount should be entered  
 on line 24.)

Name of Candidate or Committee (Print)

Committee of 1976 for Datta for Congress

Full Name, mailing address and ZIP code	Purpose of Expenditure	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of each expenditure for this period
Mid-South Press Ads P. O. Box 30382 Memphis, TN 38131	Advertising	6/20/76	\$ 200.00
Jackson Civic Center Jackson, TN 38201	Rent	6/30/76	200.00
The Bankers Life 711 High Street Des Moines, IA 50307	Life and medical insurance premium Life and medical insurance	2/23/76 6/20/76	72.12 65.21
Petty Cash	Union City (Indians.) Union City (Indians.) Memphis (Indians.)	4/6/76 5/2/76 5/11/76	25.00 100.00 100.00
Jackson (Indians.) Memphis (Indians.) Memphis (Indians.)		5/11/76 6/1/76 6/15/76	100.00 62.10 63.10
Carl Puckett, Jr. Highway 87 South South Fulton, TN 42041	"Contribution in Kind" Dinner for fundraiser	5/31/76	500.75
Veda Puckett Highway 87 South South Fulton, TN 42041	"Contribution in Kind" Dinner for fundraiser	5/31/76	500.75
Meekley County Motors Fulton Highway Knoxville, TN 37907	"Contribution in Kind" Use of car Use of car	4/15/76 5/13/76	375.00 375.00
Grand Total (Sum of lines 20 through 23) .....			\$ 2,100.00
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ATTACHMENT III

BALES 901-885-1642



**GEORGE H. REED & CO.**  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS  
221 N. SEVENTH STREET  
P. O. BOX 404  
MAYFIELD, KENTUCKY 42066  
847-8303

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CROFT BUILDING  
DOWNSVILLE, KENTUCKY 42040  
PEOPLES BANK BUILDING  
MARION, KENTUCKY 42064

July 13, 1976

Bates for Congress Committee  
c/o Nancy Bakon  
Reelfoot Bank  
Union City, TN

Dear Ms. Bakon:

This letter is to confirm our phone conversation of July 9, 1976.

Our firm serves as accountants for Sonny and Vada Puckett and performs such services as preparation of financial statements, preparation of corporate income tax returns for The Barn, Inc., and personal tax returns for Sonny and Vada Puckett. You are hereby advised that the expense in connection with the dinner for Congressman Bates will be borne personally by Sonny and Vada Puckett and will not be recorded as a corporate expense for income tax purposes.

Yours very truly,

J. Larry Stinson

U.S. Office of Financial Institutions  
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ATTACHMENT IV



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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REPORTS ANALYSIS REFERRAL UPDATE

D# 116

RAD# L8-16

ORIGIN: OGC

DATE 7-31-78

ANALYST Wade McArthur *WMM*

TO: Office of General Counsel  
ATTENTION: Gary Christian

TEAM CHIEF Peter Kell *P.K.*

THROUGH: STAFF DIRECTOR *OPH*

COMPLIANCE REVIEW EB

FROM: ASSISTANT STAFF DIRECTOR FOR REPORTS ANALYSIS *R.K.*

MUR# 572

DATE OF ORIGINAL REFERRAL 5-22-78

PURPOSE: ACTION TAKEN BY RAD

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As a result of a review of the July 10, 1976 Report of Receipts and Expenditures, a surface violation letter was sent to the Committee of 1976 for Bates for Congress on 7/3/78. The surface violation regarded a possible corporate contribution. (Attachment 1)

A response was received from the committee on 7/11/78, stating that the contributions were not from the corporation. The committee also enclosed a copy of a letter dated 7/6/78 from the accounting firm of George H. Reed & Company. The firm serves as accountants for Mr. and Mrs. Puckett and The Barn, Inc.. The letter from the accounting firm indicates that the in-kind contribution will be borne personally by Mr. and Mrs. Puckett and will not be reported as a corporate expense for income tax purposes. (Attachment 2)

OUTCOME: (if applicable) The attached response does not specifically indicate that the Pucketts reimbursed the corporation with personal funds, therefore, additional clarification may be required. Please advise should further action by RAD be deemed necessary.

BATES 813

In reply please refer to 4SV1/78-6350

Attachment 1



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

1325 K STREET N.W.  
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3 July 1978

Nancy J. Bacon, Treasurer  
Committee of 1976 for  
Bates for Congress  
Post Office Box 934  
227 South First Street  
Union City, Tennessee 38261

Dear Ms. Bacon:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's interest in assisting candidates and committees who wish to comply with the Federal Election Campaign Act, as amended. During review of the July 10 Quarterly (1976) Report of Receipts and Expenditures, we noticed entries indicating that you may have accepted contributions from corporations or unions, which are prohibited by the Act, unless segregated accounts have been established by the corporations or unions. A copy of that portion of your report is attached for your review and clarification.

The Commission recommends that if you have accepted prohibited contributions that you return the full amounts to the donors. These returns should be reported immediately by letter and should be reflected as expenditures on your next report of receipts and expenditures. If you find your identification of the source of these contributions are incomplete or incorrect, please submit a statement which would clarify these particular matters for the public record. You may do so by amending your original report by letter.

Please notify the Commission within fifteen (15) days from the date of this letter of the determination made on this matter. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Susan Owen (800)424-9530, our Reports Analyst assigned to you. Our local telephone number is 523-4048.

Sincerely,

Orlando B. Potter  
Staff Director

Enclosure  
Certified Mail:  
Return Receipt Requested



Schedule D

January 1976  
Federal Election Commission  
4325 P Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20543

**Itemized Expenditures**  
**Campaign Fundraising, Loans, and Transfers**  
**for Lines 20, 21, 22, and/or 23 of F&E Form 3**  
(see instructions on back)

Page 1 of 1  
LINE NUMBER 203  
DATE OF PREPARATION 6/17/76

Name of the candidate or Committee:

Committee of 1976 for Estes for Congress

Full Name, mailing address and ZIP code	Purpose of Expenditure	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of each expenditure this period
Mid-South Panel Ads P. O. Box 34232 Memphis, TN 38134	Advertising	6/30/76	5 200.00
Jackson Civic Center Jackson, TN 39301	Rent	6/30/76	350.00
The Bankers Life 711 High Street Des Moines, IA 50307	Life and medical insurance premium Life and medical insurance	3/26/76 6/29/76	72.12 56.21
Petty Cash	Union City (Hdqtrs.) Union City (Hdqtrs.) Memphis (Hdqtrs.)	4/5/76 5/6/76 5/11/75	25.00 100.00 100.00
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Vada Puckett Highway 51 South South Fulton, TN 42041	"Contribution in Kind" Dinner for fundraiser	5/31/76	993.75
Wentley County Rotar Fulton Highway Martin, TN 38237	"Contribution in Kind" Use of car Use of car	4/15/76 5/13/76	375.00 275.00

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Schedule A

January 1976  
Federal Election Commission  
1125 M Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20542

Itemized Report of  
Contributions, Voucher Numbers, Items,  
Values, and Donors for Line  
Numbers 18, 19, 20 and/or 21 of FBO Form 3  
(Use Pre-printed Book Form)

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Name of Contributor (Print or Type)		Date (month, day, year)	Amount of each receipt (this period)
Committee of 1973 for Dates for Congress			
Full name, mailing address and ZIP code Carl Puckett Highway 51 South South Fulton, TN 42041		5/31/76	\$993.75
Principal place of business The Barn Restaurant Highway 51 South Fulton, TN 42041		Occupation Restaurant Owner and Operator	
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Principal place of business The Barn Restaurant Highway 51 South Fulton, TN 42041		Occupation Restaurant Owner and Operator	
Full name, mailing address and ZIP code Tom Burdin Box 10 Union City, TN 38261		6/5/76	\$200.00
Principal place of business H & O Tool & Die, Inc. 620 West Graham Union City, TN 38261		Occupation Owner and Operator	
Full name, mailing address and ZIP code Mary W. Venable 100 Ryan Street Union City, TN 38261		6/15/76	\$1000.00
Principal place of business		Occupation Housewife	
Full name, mailing address and ZIP code W. J. Stricklin P.O. Box 1 Iroy, TN 38260 (Residence)		6/15/76	\$ 500.00
Mailing address: Box 503 Union City, TN 38261		Occupation Attorney	
Principal place of business W. J. Stricklin, Attorney 311 South Third Union City, TN 38261		Occupation Attorney	
Full name, mailing address and ZIP code Billy E. Jones 511 Woodside Avenue Huntington, TN 38244		6/27/76	\$ 500.00
Principal place of business		Occupation Bank Vice President	
Full name, mailing address and ZIP code W. J. Stricklin P.O. Box 1 Iroy, TN 38260 (Residence)		6/18/76	\$ 300.00
Mailing address: Box 503 Union City, TN 38261		Occupation Attorney	
Principal place of business W. J. Stricklin, Attorney 311 South Third Union City, TN 38261		Occupation Attorney	

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Total \$5,500.00

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503 East Church Street  
Union City, TN 38251  
July 6, 1970

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Mr. Orlando D. Potter, Staff Director  
Federal Election Commission  
1335 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20543

Dear Mr. Potter:

RE: 45/1/70/6330

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This letter is in response to your correspondence of July 3, 1970 regarding our July 10 Quarterly (1970) Report of Receipts and Expenditures. "In-kind" contributions by Carl and Veda Puckett each for \$203.75 were personal contributions and were not from The Corn, Inc. I am enclosing a copy of a letter we received in July, 1970 from J. Larry Seiden of George H. Reed & Co., accountants for Mr. and Mrs. Puckett, regarding the contributions.

Mr. Potter, our Committee never accepted contributions prohibited by the Act. Contributions from all business firms were verified to be certain that no corporate funds were distributed to the campaign.

If you desire additional information in reference to the above, please let me know.

Sincerely,

COMMITTEE OF 1970 FOR DAVE FOR CONGRESS

*Nancy J. Bacon*

Nancy J. Bacon, Treasurer

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7/24/78 Peter Kee, Jr requested House to send copy of letter referred to in this letter. Copy was received from House 7/24/78 + given ✓ EG 7/25/78.

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Bates for Congress Committee  
c/o Nancy Bakon  
Reelfoot Bank  
Union City, TN

Dear Ms. Bakon:

This letter is to confirm our phone conversation of July 9, 1976.

Our firm serves as accountants for Sonny and Vada Puckett and performs such services as preparation of financial statements, preparation of corporate income tax returns for The Barn, Inc., and personal tax returns for Sonny and Vada Puckett. You are hereby advised that the expense in connection with the dinner for Congressman Bates will be borne personally by Sonny and Vada Puckett and will not be recorded as a corporate expense for income tax purposes.

Yours very truly,

*J. Larry Stinson*  
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May 22, 1978

MEMORANDUM

TO: Tom Haselhorst, Reports Analysis Division  
FROM: William C. Oldaker, General Counsel  
SUBJECT: MUR 572: Committee of 1976 for Bates for Congress,  
#C00051789

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In conjunction with the Commission's investigation in MUR 515 of a bank loan to the Committee of 1976 for Bates for Congress (Bates Committee), the principal campaign committee of 1976 House of Representatives candidate Larry Bates, OGC reviewed the Bates Committee's reports. In the course of this review it was noted that the Bates Committee reported receipt of contributions in kind of \$993.75 each from Carl and Vada Puckett, owners and operators of The Barn Restaurant, South Fulton, Tennessee (see Attachment I). On Schedule B of the same report, the Bates Committee stated that the contributions consisted of a "dinner for fundraiser" held on May 31, 1976, (see Attachment II).

A check of the Tennessee Secretary of State's office revealed that The Barn Restaurant is incorporated, raising the question of a possible violation of 2 U.S.C. §441b by the Pucketts and the Bates Committee.

We are referring this matter to your office for appropriate RFAI action. Please advise us of any response from the Bates Committee regarding this matter.

Scholarship A  
January 1976  
Federal Election Commission  
1200 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20543

Contributions to the Campaigns of  
Candidates for the Presidency, Senate,  
House, and Governor for the  
Numbers 18, 19, 27 and/or 30 of FEG Form 3  
(See instructions on back)

Date of Report  
Campaign Period  
(Also provide schedule for each numbered line)

Name of Candidate or Committee to full

Committee of 1975 for Dates for Congress

Full name, mailing address and ZIP code	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of each receipt this period
Carl Bushong Highway 51 South South Fulton, TN 38081 *Contribution in kind*	5/31/76	
Name of business The Barn Restaurant Highway 51 South Fulton, TN 38081 *Contribution in kind* Restaurant Owner and Operator		\$900.75
Full name, mailing address and ZIP code Vera Bushong Highway 51 South South Fulton, TN 38081 *Contribution in kind*	5/31/76	
Name of business The Barn Restaurant Highway 51 South Fulton, TN 38081 *Contribution in kind* Restaurant Owner and Operator		\$900.75
Full name, mailing address and ZIP code Tom Hardin Box 10 Union City, TN 38081	6/5/76	\$800.00
Name of business U & O Tool & Die, Inc. 600 West Cheatham Union City, TN 38081 *Contribution in kind* Owner and Operator		
Full name, mailing address and ZIP code Mary H. Vandy 100 West Street Madison, TN 38207	6/15/76	\$1000.00
Name of business *Contribution in kind* *Contribution in kind*		
Full name, mailing address and ZIP code W. A. Santolucito Union City, TN 38081 (Residence)	6/15/76	\$ 500.00
Name of business W. A. Santolucito, Attorney 511 South Third Union City, TN 38081 *Contribution in kind* Attorney		
Full name, mailing address and ZIP code Betty B. Vines 677 Greening Avenue Henderson, TN 38344	5/27/76	\$ 50.00
Name of business Bank of Hendersonville Henderson, TN 38344 *Contribution in kind* Bank's Main Deposit	6/10/76	\$ 100.00
Grand total of receipts this page (attach)		\$ 2,000.75
Total this period (last page this line number only)		\$ 0

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ATTACHMENT I

(Continued) Expenditures  
 Campaign Advertising, Loans, and Transfers  
 for Lines 20, 21, 22, and/or 23 of FGS Form 8  
 (Do not enter on this)

10/2/76  
 10/2/76  
 (The amount entered for each expenditure item.)

Name of Contributor or Contributor(s)			
Committee of 1976 for Dates for Congress			
Full name, mailing address and ZIP code	Purpose of Expenditure	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of each expenditure this period
Mid-South Dental Ass P. O. Box 20202 Memphis, TN 38281	Advertising	6/20/76	\$ 200.00
Jackson Civic Center Jackson, TN 38201	Rent	6/20/76	200.00
The Centura Life 713 High Street Bos. Harms, IA 50207	Life and medical insurance premium	2/23/76	70.12
	Life and medical insurance	6/20/76	55.21
Petty Cash	Union City (Hidoro.) Union City (Hidoro.) Memphis (Hidoro.)	6/6/76 5/9/76 5/7/76	25.00 100.00 100.00
	Jackson (Hidoro.) Memphis (Hidoro.) Memphis (Hidoro.)	5/11/76 6/1/76 6/15/76	100.00 02.10 02.10
Carl Rushoff, Jr. Highway 91 South South Fulton, TN 42041	"Contribution in Kind" Dinner for fundraiser	5/31/76	900.75
Veda Rushoff Highway 91 South South Fulton, TN 42041	"Contribution in Kind" Dinner for fundraiser	5/31/76	900.75
Monkley County Riders Federal Highway Lumberton, TN 38007	"Contribution in Kind" Use of car Use of car	6/15/76 5/22/76	375.00 275.00
Grand Total (from this page) (continued) .....			6
Total (from all pages) .....			612,500.00

ATTACHMENT III  
 BILLS 901-885-1642

Schedule D  
 Form 1073  
 Federal Election Commission  
 2334 E Street, N.W.  
 Washington, D.C. 20543

(Continued) Expenditures  
 Campaign Fundraising, Loans, and Transfers  
 For Lines 20, 21, 22, and/or 23 of FEG Form 3  
 (See Instructions on Form 3)

1976  
 Line 20  
 (The amount reported for each numbered item.)

Name of Committee or Candidate (to full)			
Committee of 1976 for Carter for Congress			
Full Name, mailing address and ZIP code	Purpose of Expenditure	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of each expenditure this period
Mid-South Pennl Ads P. O. Box 24222 Memphis, TN 38121	Advertising	6/20/76	\$ 200.00
Jackson Civic Center Jackson, TN 38301	Rent	6/30/76	200.00
The Bankers Life 711 High Street Des Moines, IA 50307	Life and medical insurance premium Life and medical insurance	3/23/76 6/20/76	72.12 55.21
Petty Cash	Union City (Indgers.) Union City (Indgers.) Memphis (Indgers.)	4/6/76 5/8/76 5/11/76	25.00 100.00 100.00
Jackson (Indgers.) Memphis (Indgers.) Memphis (Indgers.)		5/11/76 6/9/76 6/18/76	100.00 02.10 03.10
Carl Puckett, Jr. Highway 51 South South Fulton, TN 42041	"Contribution in Kind" Dinner for fundraiser	5/31/76	908.75
Vada Puckett Highway 51 South South Fulton, TN 42041	"Contribution in Kind" Dinner for fundraiser	5/31/76	908.75
Montgomery County Voters Fulton Highway Warrenton, TN 38087	"Contribution in Kind" Use of car Use of car	6/15/76 6/22/76	375.00 375.00
Grand total expenditures (do not include)			0
Total (do not include)			\$ 3,000.00

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ATTACHMENT II

HTLS 401-895-164

Schedule A  
January 1976  
Federal Election Commission  
4300 Reservoir Road  
Washington, D.C. 20002

Contributions to Candidates,  
Committees, Political Parties, Clubs,  
Laborers, and Workers for Union  
Numbers 15, 16, 17 and/or 18 of FEO Form 3  
(For Transmittal to FIC)

Page 1 of 1 (of  
Total Transmittals)  
This amount is reported for each  
recipient listed.

Name of Candidate or Committee to Whom

Committee of 1976 for Dates for Congress

Full name, mailing address and ZIP code	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of each receipt this period
Carl Kuehnelt Highway 57 South South Paducah, TN 42001 *Contribution to Ward*	5/31/76	
Name of place of business The Corn Restaurant Highway 57 South Paducah, TN 42001 Position Restaurant Owner and Operator <input type="checkbox"/> Cash or Cashier or Member <input type="checkbox"/> Agent or Volunteer		\$200.75
Full name, mailing address and ZIP code Veda Fustoria Highway 57 South South Paducah, TN 42001 *Contribution to Ward*	5/31/76	
Name of place of business The Corn Restaurant Highway 57 South Paducah, TN 42001 Position Restaurant Owner and Operator <input type="checkbox"/> Cash or Cashier or Member <input type="checkbox"/> Agent or Volunteer		\$200.75
Full name, mailing address and ZIP code Tom Hardin East 10 Union City, TN 37001	6/6/76	\$200.00
Name of place of business H. B. O. Tool & Die, Inc. 600 West Glasgow Union City, TN 37001 Position Owner and Operator <input type="checkbox"/> Cash or Cashier or Member <input type="checkbox"/> Agent or Volunteer		
Full name, mailing address and ZIP code Gary E. Newell 100 Main Street Madison, TN 37007	6/10/76	\$100.00
Name of place of business Position <input type="checkbox"/> Cash or Cashier or Member <input type="checkbox"/> Agent or Volunteer		
Full name, mailing address and ZIP code H. J. Serfatino Room 1 Troy, TN 37000 (Post Office) Mailing address: Box 800 Union City, TN 37001	6/10/76	\$ 500.00
Name of place of business H. J. Serfatino, Attorney 511 South Third Union City, TN 37001 Position Attorney <input type="checkbox"/> Cash or Cashier or Member <input type="checkbox"/> Agent or Volunteer		
Full name, mailing address and ZIP code Darryl D. Tins 611 University Avenue Henderson, TN 37000	6/27/76	\$ 50.00
Name of place of business Bank of Hickmanville Box 111 Henderson, TN 37000 Position Bank Teller Assistant <input type="checkbox"/> Cash or Cashier or Member <input type="checkbox"/> Agent or Volunteer	6/10/76	\$ 100.00
Total of receipts this period (total) .....		\$ 2,007.00
Total this period (for purposes of the election only) .....		0

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF MUR # 572

