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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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

February 25, 1976

Mr. Loren Belker, Treasurer
Nebraska Democratic State Central Committee
511 Anderson Building
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

Dear Mr. Belker:

I am responding to your January 30, 1976 letter which advises the Commission that your committee took action to correct a possible violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

You state that the committee received a loan of \$1,500 from an individual for the purpose of meeting routine operating expenses which was subsequently returned to the lender because the amount received was in excess of \$1,000. The prohibition of 18 U.S.C. 608(b)(1) against contributions in excess of \$1,000 per election from individual contributors applies only to those contributions which are designated for a named candidate for Federal office. Therefore, this paragraph of 18 U.S.C. 608(b) does not appear to apply to the situation described in your letter.

The Commission is appreciative of your good faith efforts to rectify a situation you recognized as a possible violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. If the Commission can be of assistance to you in the future, please do not hesitate to write or call (202/382-6023).

Sincerely,

[Handwritten signature]

John G. Murphy, Jr.
General Counsel

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January 30, 1976

Mr. Thomas B. Curtis, Chairman
Federal Election Commission
1325 'K' Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20463

Dear Chairman Curtis:

Not long ago, I assumed the office of Treasurer of the Nebraska Democratic Party. Shortly thereafter, it came to my attention that the Nebraska Democratic Party owed its Chairman an amount of money.

Our Chairman, Richard White, advanced our Party \$1,500 in order to meet routine operating expenses. At that time, no one was aware that under Federal Law this advance might possibly be construed as a contribution falling within the \$1,000 limitation.

Upon discovering this possible construction of the law, the Nebraska Democratic Party has secured a bank loan, reimbursed Mr. White, and thereby cleared the matter.

I felt that we should notify you of this action at this time so that you know the matter has been cleared.

Sincerely,



Loren B. Belker, Treasurer
NEBRASKA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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SCHEDULE A

**ITEMIZED RECEIPTS—CONTRIBUTIONS, TICKET PURCHASES, LOANS, AND TRANSFERS
NEBRASKA**

DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

(Full Name of Candidate or Committee)

Part No. 3A

(Use for itemizing Part 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5)

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(Use separate page (s) for each numbered Part)

Date (month, day, year)	Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code (occupation and principal place of business, if any)	Aggregate Year-to-date (complete if applicable)	Amount of Receipt This Period
7-31-75	Richard White 5403 Huntington Lincoln, NE State Chairman, NDSCC 511 Anderson Building Lincoln, NE 68508	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	1500.00
8-18-75	Gateway Bank 61st & O Streets Lincoln, NE same	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	5000.00
		Aggregate Year-to-date \$	

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TOTAL THIS PERIOD 6,500.00
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SCHEDULE A

ITEMIZED RECEIPTS—CONTRIBUTIONS, SALES AND COLLECTIONS, LOANS, AND TRANSFERS

NEBRASKA DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
 (Full Name of Candidate or Committee)

Part No. 3a
 (Use for itemizing Part 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5)

(Use separate page(s) for each numbered Part)

Date (month, day, year)	Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code	Occupation and Principal Place of Business, if any (If self-employed, also check box) <input type="checkbox"/>	Amount of Receipt This Period
11-11-75	Gateway Bank of Lincoln 61st & O Streets Lincoln, NE	<input type="checkbox"/>	This period \$ 5,000.00
			Aggregate Year-to-Date \$ 11,500.00
	This loan is unsecured. It was signed by the State Chairman, Richard White.	<input type="checkbox"/>	This period \$
			Aggregate Year-to-Date \$
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TOTAL THIS PERIOD \$5,000.00
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SCHEDULE E
DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS

NEBRASKA DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
(Full Name of Committee)

Part No. 12
(Use for itemizing Part 11 or 12)

(Use separate page(s) for each numbered Part)

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Date Incurred (month, day, year)	Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code (occupation and principal place and business, if any)	Amount of Original Debt, Contract, Agree- ment, or Promise	Cumulative Payment To Date*	Outstanding Balance at Close of This Period
7-31-75	Richard White 5403 Huntington Lincoln, NE	1500.00		1500.00
8-18-75	Gateway Bank 61st & O Streets Lincoln, NE Signed by: Richard White	5000.00	:	5000.00
TOTALS THIS PERIOD (Last page of this Part only)		6,500.00		6,500.00

*Indicate if the debt or obligation was forgiven or cancelled.

**Carry outstanding balance only to appropriate part of summary.

