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REPORTS ANALYSIS DIVISION REFERRAL

TO

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION OFFICE

DATE: May 14, 2021

ANALYST: Brian Wetzel

I. COMMITTEE: Committee to Re-Elect the President
C00756270
Jason Bennett, Treasurer
10059 Alder Ave
Spanish Fort, AL 36527

II. RELEVANT STATUTE: 52 U.S.C. § 30104(g)(2)
11 CFR §104.4(b)(2)

III. BACKGROUND:

Failure to Provide Supporting Schedules (Failure to Timely 48-Hour Reports)

Committee to Re-Elect the President (“the Committee”) failed to timely file two (2) 48-Hour Reports totaling \$42,852.92 to support two (2) independent expenditures disclosed on its 2020 Termination Report, made up to and including the 20th day before the 2020 General Election (Attachment 2).

On November 25, 2020, the Committee filed a 2020 Termination Report covering the period from August 26, 2020 through October 15, 2020¹. The report included a Schedule E (Itemized Independent Expenditures) disclosing two (2) independent expenditures totaling \$42,852.92, made in support of one (1) Federal candidate (Image 202012070300358178).

On December 22, 2020, a Request for Additional Information (RFAI) was sent to the Committee referencing the 2020 Termination Report. Among other items, the RFAI

¹ The Committee is required to file electronically; however, the 2020 Termination Report, received November 25, 2020, was filed on paper.

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noted that the Committee may have failed to file one (1) or more of the required 48-Hour Reports for independent expenditures disclosed in the report. A chart was included with the RFAI identifying two (2) independent expenditures, totaling \$42,852.92, for which 48-Hour Reports had not been filed (Images 202012220300099519-22).

On February 9, 2021, the Reports Analysis Division (RAD) Analyst called Jason Bennett, the Committee's Treasurer. The Analyst informed Mr. Bennett the issue cited in the December 22, 2020 RFAI regarding failure to file the required 48-Hour Reports may be referred to another Commission office for potential further action. The Analyst explained to Mr. Bennett that the Committee could provide further clarification on the public record via an FEC Form 99 (Miscellaneous Electronic Submission) (Attachment 3).

On March 2, 2021, the RAD Analyst spoke with Mr. Bennett and advised him that the Committee should file all reports electronically because the Committee's FEC Form 1 (Statement of Organization), received August 26, 2020, was filed electronically. The Analyst advised Mr. Bennett that the matter was time sensitive. Mr. Bennett stated he would call the Analyst later for assistance with installing the FECFile software and submitting the necessary reports electronically (Attachment 3).

On March 12, 2021, Mr. Bennett called the Analyst. During the call, the Analyst notified him that the Committee should file the missing 48-Hour Reports for the independent expenditures that were disclosed on the 2020 Termination Report (Attachment 3).

On the same date, the Committee electronically filed its 2020 Termination Report, covering the period from August 26, 2020 through September 30, 2020. The report's Schedule E disclosed a change in election designation for the two independent expenditures that were also disclosed in the original paper Termination Report, filed November 25, 2020 (Image 202103129440474142).

On the same date, the Committee filed one (1) 48-Hour Report to support (2) independent expenditures totaling \$42,852.92, disseminated on August 27, 2020 and August 28, 2020 (Image 202103129440474150).

On March 15, 2021, the Committee filed an Amended 2020 Termination Report. This report disclosed no change to Schedule E from the original report (Image 202103159440482961).

To date, no further communications have been received from the Committee regarding this matter.

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MS-P		N	2/15/2021	2	202102150300105892	8/26/2020	10/15/2020		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MS-T			2/25/2021	23	202102260300371991	11/24/2020	12/31/2020		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MS-T			2/25/2021	1	202102260300371853	8/26/2020	10/15/2020		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MS-P			3/9/2021	2	202103090300110691	11/24/2020	12/31/2020		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F24N	48		3/12/2021	1	202103129440474150				-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals										\$0	\$0				

O-Index (2019-2020)

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MS-T			11/25/2020	23	202012070300358168	8/26/2020	10/15/2020		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RQ7	Q3		10/30/2020	2	202010300300090564	8/26/2020	9/30/2020	10/30/2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RQ2	TER	N	12/22/2020	4	202012220300099519	8/26/2020	10/15/2020	12/22/2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RQ7	30G		12/18/2020	2	202012180300098812	10/16/2020	11/23/2020	12/18/2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RQ7	YE		2/17/2021	2	202102170300108348	11/24/2020	12/31/2020	2/17/2021	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F3XT	TER	T	3/12/2021	11	202103129440474132	8/26/2020	9/30/2020		\$0	\$12,768	\$61,368	(\$48,600)	\$31,484	-	\$31,484
F3XA	TER	A	3/15/2021	13	202103159440482949	8/26/2020	9/30/2020		\$0	\$62,768	\$61,368	\$1,400	-	\$31,484	\$31,484
F3XN	30G	N	3/12/2021	7	202103129440474143	10/1/2020	11/23/2020		(\$48,600)	\$0	\$0	(\$48,600)	\$0	-	\$0
F3XA	30G	A	3/15/2021	7	202103159440483065	10/1/2020	11/23/2020		\$1,400	\$0	\$0	\$1,400	-	\$0	\$0
F3XN	YE	N	3/12/2021	5	202103129440474151	11/24/2020	12/31/2020		(\$48,600)	\$0	\$0	(\$48,600)	-	-	\$0
F3XA	YE	A	3/15/2021	5	202103159440483072	11/24/2020	12/31/2020		\$1,400	\$0	\$0	\$1,400	-	-	\$0
F1N		N	8/26/2020	5	202008269266994107				-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals										\$62,768	\$61,368				

O-Index (2017-2018)

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No records were found for this cycle.

Committee to Re-Elect the President (C00756270)
 2020 Termination Report, received 11/25/2020

48-Hour Report Not Timely Filed

Name of Payee	Dissemination Date (Schedule E)	Expenditure Amount	Candidate Supported	Election ²	48-Hour Report Received
Knight Abbey	8/27/2020	\$32,584.41 <i>48-Hour Report Required</i>	Donald Trump	G2020	3/12/2021
Fox News Network	8/28/2020	\$10,268.51 <i>48-Hour Report Required</i>	Donald Trump	G2020	3/12/2021

² The original 2020 Termination Report, filed November 25, 2020, disclosed two (2) independent expenditures made in support of Donald Trump for the 2020 Primary Election. The report was amended on March 15, 2021 to disclose both expenditures as being made for the 2020 General Election.