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Political Corruption Division
c/o Lawrence Noble, General Counsel
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MUR 3501

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the wishes of perhaps thousands of members of the Populist Party of America and similar numbers of concerned citizens across the country, I am filing this formal complaint with the Federal Election Commission under 2 U.S.C. 437g(a)(1).

This complaint is in reference to probable violations of FEC regulations (as well as other federal laws) by the following entities and/or individuals and a request for a formal audit of the Populist Party's financial affairs and the activities of these entities and/or individuals in relation to the administration of those affairs:

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Freeport, PA 16229

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Populist Party of America
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Ore City, Texas 75683

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Populist Party of America
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Populist Party of America
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Populist Party of America
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Populist Party of America
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Lake Worth, FL 33466

THE POPULIST PARTY OF AMERICA
1703 Fifth Avenue
Ford City, PA 16226; and

THE POPULIST OBSERVER (newspaper)
1703 Fifth Avenue
Ford City, PA 16226

The violations in question all relate directly to the administration of the financial and political affairs of the Populist Party of America during the years 1986 through the present.

The Populist Party of America is currently registered with the FEC under the following identification number: C00 214098.

The FEC should note, however, that in its own records there appear to be at least two and perhaps even three different identification numbers assigned to the Ford City, Pennsylvania based fund-raising operation.

I have determined that the Ford City entity known as the Populist Party of America also operates under C00 253948 and has done fund-raising under the name "Populist Party of America National Committee - Bo Gritz for President."-- although this, perhaps, without authorization.

As part of this complaint I am making a request that the Federal Election Commission exercise its jurisdiction under 2 U.S.C. 438(b) and initiate an audit of the financial affairs of the Populist Party of America.

To the best of my knowledge the FEC has not yet conducted an audit of the Populist Party of America, despite the fact that this entity has been registered with the FEC since at least mid-1986.

The FEC should note that the Populist Party of America, on an average, has raised approximately \$200,000 each year over the past several years and spent approximately that same sum.

Yet, there is no public record of any FEC investigation into these matters, despite the large sums involved.

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The FEC will be interested in knowing that the above named defendant, Donald B. Wassall, has publicly declared that the FEC does, in fact, audit the books and records of his Populist Party of America organization.

At the Populist Party of America National Committee meeting in Irvine, California in the spring of 1991 an attendee quizzed Mr. Wassall as to whether or not a formal outside audit of his records had ever been conducted. Wassall responded, "We have an outside auditor: it's called the FEC."

(Populist Party State Chairman Boyd Godlove of Maryland recorded Wassall's public statement during the party meeting and provided me a recording of this statement.)

Mr. Wassall has also publicly decried the fact that the FEC has "refused" to acknowledge his fund-raising organization's status as a political "party," designating it, instead, a "political committee."

(Those who question the defendants' administration of the party's affairs, particularly in the financial realm, would agree with the FEC's assessment, inasmuch as much money has been raised and spent by the defendants, but very little has been done in terms of actual political organizing.)

Additionally, inasmuch as Mr. Wassall and the Populist Party are believed to have had political and perhaps financial dealings with Mr. William K. Shearer and Miss Nancy Shearer who were the subjects of the FEC's investigation in MUR 2719, the FEC might also be interested in pursuing any connections here further as part of its inquiry into the activities of Mr. Wassall and the Populist Party of America.

The issue of Mr. Wassall's suspected links to Mr. and Miss Shearer are of particular concern to Populist Party members, inasmuch as party members have been long aware that there were many questions regarding the Shearer family's administration of the Populist Party of the United States (which was the immediate predecessor of the current Populist Party of America).

It should be noted by the FEC, additionally, that Mr. Wassall and the Populist Party of America and its officers have been publicly exposed as having been connected with the illegal forging of signatures on petition signatures in the state of Utah. This was documented in the April 5, 1991 edition of the Salt Lake Tribune, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A.

Please note that although Mr. Wassall is quoted in the article as having "fired" the guilty party (Mr. Harry Bertram) and that Wassall said, "It was the first time he ever worked for us and that will be the last time," the fact is that Mr. Wassall has publicized, since that date, Mr. Bertram's active involvement in the Populist Party as its West Virginia organizer.

Attached, additionally, is a documented entitled Wassallgate (designed as Exhibit B) summarizing many of the questions and controversies surrounding the Populist Party of America and the administration of its affairs.

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In order to settle any and all questions, the FEC should pursue this matter further in the course of auditing the records of the Populist Party of America and the above-named individuals who are responsible for the administration of the party's affairs and the expenditure of its resources.

The specific apparent violations of the federal election laws by the above-named entities and individuals (all members of the Populist Party of America national executive committee) are as follows:

- There is an apparent violation of 2 U.S.C. 432(a)(3) which holds that "All funds of a political committee shall be segregated from, and may not be commingled with, any personal funds of officers, members or associates of that committee, or with the personal funds of any other individual."

It appears as though private, personal funds raised by Donald Wassall through the egis of the Populist Observer newsletter have been regularly co-mingled with those of the Populist Party of America.

Although Mr. Wassall privately owned the Populist Observer newsletter from its inception through mid-1990, there was a period of at least four years (1986-1990) in which Populist Party funds and those of the Populist Observer were apparently regularly commingled by Mr. Wassall, specifically, and Mr. Phil Chesler, treasurer of the Populist Party of America.

As evidence of this we note that Mr. Chesler, in preparing annual party financial reports (issued to members, but not the FEC) regularly included summaries of funds raised through the party's egis for the privately-owned newsletter. (Copies of several of these are attached as Exhibit C).

(FEC filings by Mr. Chesler on behalf of the Populist Party do not make it clear exactly where funds received by the party on behalf of the Populist Observer newsletter were disbursed.)

Most party members, incidentally, were unaware that the Populist Observer was a distinct (and privately-owned) entity, separate-until mid-1990-from the Populist Party of America. Yet, however, the party and the newspaper's subscription funds appear to have been subject to regular commingling.

Inasmuch as the FEC has not, to my knowledge, ever formally audited the Populist Party's records, we are unable (here) to cite further evidence of this apparent violation. Nonetheless, it would be advisable, in the course of an audit and investigation, for the FEC to explore this matter further.

- The defendants may also be in violation of 11 CFR 9034.8(c)(1) which refers to matters of joint fundraising. There may also be a violation of 11 CFR 102.17, which refers to the same area.

Although the Populist Party and the Populist Observer were, as noted previously, separate entities for a period of at least four years, the Populist Observer was mailed out of the McGrann, Pennsylvania post office on a permit for a Non-

Profit Organization (which permit apparently was in the name of the Populist Party—not the Populist Observer).

The Populist Observer was a vehicle for joint-fundraising for Mr. Wassall's private entity (the Populist Observer itself) and the Populist Party of America. Yet, to the best of anyone's knowledge, there was never any form of agreement for disbursement of funds and there also appears to be an abuse of the U.S. Postal Service mailing permits.

Evidence of the apparently illegal use of the Postal Service mailing permit is attached Exhibit D. (This proves that the then-privately owned Populist Observer was using the party's non-profit organization permit for its own private ventures.)

This, incidentally, also, may be an additional violation of 2 U.S.C. 432(a)(3), other evidence of which was outlined above previously.

• There is also some question as to whether or not Mr. Wassall, Mr. Chesler, and the other defendants may be in violation of FEC regulations relating to the disbursement of petty cash funds to Mr. Wassall.

According to 2 U.S.C. 432(h)(2) "A political committee may maintain a petty cash fund out of which it may make expenditures not in excess of \$100 to any person per purchase or transaction."

A review of regular filings by the Populist Party of America with the FEC by any FEC auditor will find that during the past several years (particularly during the year 1990) there was an average of \$500 or more per month paid in "petty cash reimbursement" to Donald Wassall by the Populist Party of America. This, evidently, is in fact a violation of the above-noted FEC regulation.

The nature of these payments should be audited, particularly in reference to the full nature of Mr. Wassall's federal income tax returns regarding the yearly "petty cash reimbursements" received from the Populist Party of America.

• The Populist Party of America, Mr. Wassall and other defendants have failed to provide timely and continuous reporting of debts and obligations as required under 11 CFR 104.11 in at least one instance.

Specifically, in the spring of 1988 this writer entered into an agreement with the Populist Party of America national executive committee that I would draft a fund-raising letter on behalf of the committee in return for re-imbursement.

Although I indicated that I did not expect immediate payment, I regularly discussed the matter over the following period of the year 1988 with Mr. Wassall and provided Mr. Chesler with a written statement of the debt owed me.

During this time no such debt was permanently recorded in the Populist Party of America's filings with the FEC.

In fact, it was not until the middle of 1990—some two years later—that Messrs. Wassall, Chesler and the Populist Party of America and co-defendants chose to note this ongoing and continuing debt in their filings with the FEC.

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• In this same matter, it appears that there is an additional violation of FEC regulations, specifically 11 CFR 116.10 regarding the reporting of disputed debts.

Although the dispute in question, outlined above, had been ongoing for some time, there was no timely report appearing in the party's filings by Mr. Wassall, Mr. Chesler and the other defendants with the FEC.

• The above-named defendants also appear to be in violation of 2 U.S.C.433(b) and/or other FEC regulations relating to the filing of accurate records regarding "connected" or "affiliated" committees.

Please note that the defendant Populist Party of America and the separate fund-raising operation designated as the Populist Party of America National Committee-Bo Gritz for President entity are listed by the America First Coalition (FEC ID #CO253948) as a "connected organization or affiliated" committee in their own accurate and legitimate filings with the FEC

Despite this, the defendants (Populist Party, Wassall, Chesler, etc) have failed to list the America First Coalition's connected and/or affiliated status with the FEC in their own filings. While the America First Coalition is filing accurately and correctly, the defendants in this proposed MUR are not.

• The above-named defendants also appear to be in violation of 2 U.S.C. 432(h)(1) which requires timely reporting of the deposit of receipts and disbursements by a political committee.

Although FEC regulations require that "all deposits shall be made within 10 days of the treasurer's receipt," it appears as though defendants have, in at least several cases, failed to make immediate deposits.

Attached as Exhibit E are five individual checks (back and front) made out to the Populist Party of America and the Populist Observer. Note that the deposit date reflected on the reverse side is, in each instance, well beyond the date the check was issued.

Although some of the dates are unclear on the reverse side, one in particular is clear.

This is check #19 (dated February 24, 1990). It was not processed by a bank in the Missouri area (where the Populist Party reportedly maintains at least one bank account) until April 5, 1990, over a month later.

Another glaring instance among these checks is #31 (dated November 8, 1990). It was not processed by a Missouri bank or banks until early February of 1991-some three months or more later.

I am assured by those responsible for the issuance of these checks that there was a long period between the time that these checks were issued and such time as they were returned by the defendants to the original issuer.

These instances cited appear to be outrageous violations of the law cited above and also deserve inquiry by the FEC.

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• The defendants (Wassall, Chesler, Populist Party of America, etc) have also engaged in suspicious manipulation of figures relating to the disbursement of expenses and salary paid to Mr. Jim Yarbrough of Georgia.

(Mr. Yarbrough may be contacted at [404] 534-7564 for additional and specific details.).

Although in public statements and in published reports, the defendants have stated that they paid Mr. Yarbrough as much as \$20,000 and \$30,000 a year in salary alone, I have been informed by Mr. Yarbrough that he has W-2 forms which reflect the following amounts paid to him by the Populist Party in the respective years: 1988 - \$10,500; 1989 - \$7400; and 1990 - \$2625.

Clearly, public and published statements by the defendants do not reflect the records of our federal authorities and therefore should be investigated further as part of a full and thorough audit by the FEC.

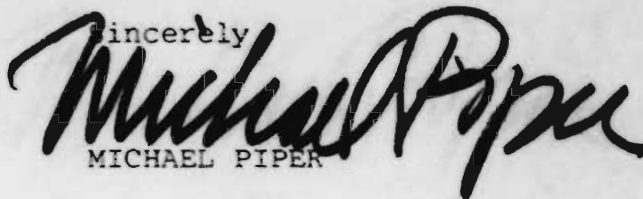
• Additionally, it should be noted that respective FEC filings by the Populist Party in these years do not, in fact, reflect the same figures as they related to Mr. Yarbrough's income from the Populist Party. That is, what has been reported to the FEC does not jibe with the public statements and published accounts or with the W-2 documents in Mr. Yarbrough's possession.

Therefore, the Populist Party is in apparent violation of 11 CFR 104.9 which demands accurate and uniform reporting of all disbursements by a political committee.

In the above paragraphs numerous apparent violations of the Federal Election Commission's requirements of political committees have been cited.

All taken together suggest that the FEC should promptly begin an in-depth inquiry into the activities of the above-named defendants.

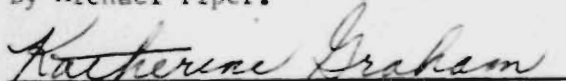
I will eagerly look forward to the results of your inquiry.

Sincerely

MICHAEL PIPER

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, ss:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of March 1992.

By Michael Piper.


Notary Public

My Commission Expires December 14, 1996

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Petition Scandal Deals Populists a Political Setback

By Dan Harty/
Tribune Staff Writer

An alternative political party attempting to organize in Utah has been caught in what election officials say is a poorly executed scam involving the alleged forgeries of hundreds of signatures of registered voters.

Salt Lake County Clerk Sherrie Swensen, who oversees voter registration in the county, told The Tribune Thursday it is estimated fewer than 200 of the 866 petition signatures submitted by the Populist Party are authentic.

Swensen, who said, "were obviously forgeries... They weren't even good copies. It was stupid."

Those petitions have been turned over to the county attorney's office

for criminal investigation. "There is clear evidence of a crime committed in Salt Lake County," said deputy county attorney Gavin Anderson.

The 4-year-old Populist Party is embarrassed over the scandal and will withdraw the tainted organizing petitions, chairman Don Wassall told The Tribune. He said Populists will start from scratch in collecting 500 signatures required to achieve ballot status in 1992.

The party, which describes itself in promotional literature as "poised to challenge the corrupt Democrats and Republicans," was apparently bamboozled by a West Virginia man it hired to conduct the petition drive. Mr. Wassall said in a telephone interview from his Ford City, Pa., of-

"Never have we found page after page and name after name that is such a blatant forgery," says Merrilea Jones, county elections director.

fice.

The organizer, Harry Bertram, was immediately fired when the problems surfaced last week in Utah and before he began a party-petition drive in New Mexico.

"It was the first time he ever worked for us and that will be the last time," said Mr. Wassall, who identified Mr. Bertram as a former unsuccessful candidate for the Ohio Legislature. "We don't want to have

anything to do with any illegalities or unethical behavior."

County elections director Merrilea Jones said Mr. Bertram obtained from her office copies of registration records of voters in Holladay and West Valley City in what appeared to be a legal and legitimate attempt to launch an organizing petition.

But somewhere along the line, officials said, the organizer apparently found the process too arduous and

turned to a short-cut method.

The apparent scam is unique in her 17-year tenure with the office, said Ms. Jones. "Never have we found page after page and name after name that is such a blatant forgery."

Suspensions were first raised by David Hansen, deputy lieutenant governor, who in a March 21 letter to county officials said "a number of the signatures and names appear to be signed by the same person," and requested spot verification of the signatures.

Ms. Jones said all four sample checks turned up voters who denied any knowledge of the Populist Party or its petition.

While many of the actual signa-

tures closely match those in voter registration books, the printed names and addresses beside them are strikingly similar and contain obvious errors. The Holladay area is misspelled in each of its scores of appearances as "Holliday."

Ms. Swensen said West Jordan was repeatedly listed as "Jordan." And in some cases the spelling changes from the signature to the printed name.

"I can't believe how dumb. Here are all these people who are supposed to be registering and write down the wrong city," she said. The attempted scam would be laughable except "it's a serious violation of law."

WASSALLGATE

THE PILLAGING OF THE POPULIST PARTY

EXHIBIT "B"

The Whole Incredible Story

Including:

■ A letter from Willis A. Carto (founder of LIBERTY LOBBY and the Populist Party) to the executive committee of the party.

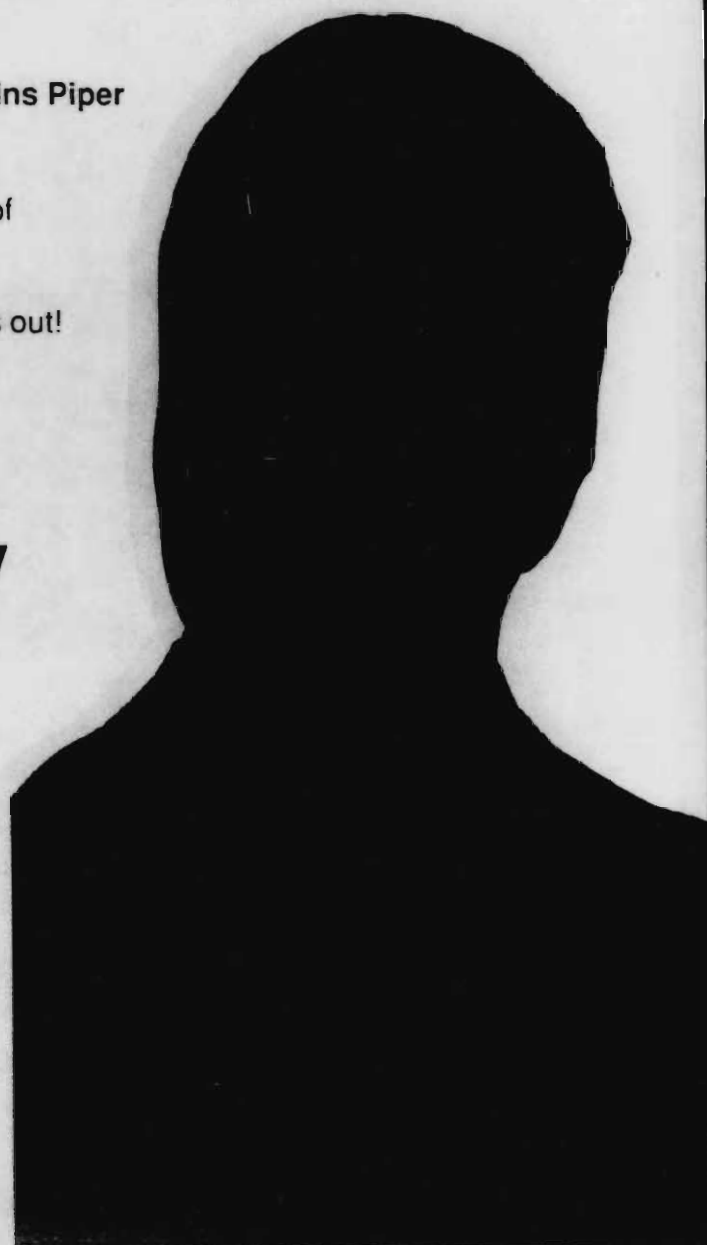
■ A letter by SPOTLIGHT correspondent Michael Collins Piper responding to Don Wassall's malicious smears.

■ An explosive expose published in the April 29 issue of The SPOTLIGHT.

All the evidence real Populists need to throw the rascals out!

**Save the Populist Party
By Removing
Don Wassall
From the
Party's National
Headquarters!**

A Special Report from the SPOTLIGHT



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A lot of things have happened to the Populist Party since Tom McIntyre (above left) first assumed the chairmanship with Donald B. Wassall (above right) serving as the manager of the headquarters office.

This special report from The SPOTLIGHT attempts to set the record straight.

THE SPOTLIGHT.



From the Desk of: Michael Collins Piper

To: LIBERTY LOBBY Board of Policy Members
SPOTLIGHT Subscribers
Populist Party Members

Dear Friends:

There are, at this time, many thousands of letters circulating around the country attacking not only my reputation, but that of several other founding members of the Populist Party (of which I am one) as well as the integrity of The SPOTLIGHT.

Because so many of you have written to LIBERTY LOBBY chairman and SPOTLIGHT editor Vince Ryan asking for our response to this letter, I have taken the time (on my own time, incidentally) to draft a detailed response to this letter.

THE GUILTY PARTY

The letter (appearing on the Populist Party letterhead) is the work of one Donald B. Wassall—although he did not sign it and, in fact, referred to himself in the third person. Wassall claimed in the lead-in to the letter that it was a message from "The National Executive Committee" (of the Populist Party). In fact, not only did Wassall not clear the contents of his letter with the committee before he spent thousands of dollars in party funds to mail it out, but, at least one member of the committee (to the best of my knowledge) voted against any such "response" to the criticisms by The SPOTLIGHT.

TOO BUSY TO WORRY ABOUT WASSALL

In a sense, I suppose, I am amused at Wassall's obsession with my alleged interest in his Populist Party affairs during the year 1990. If you really must know the truth, during the months of July—August 1990 (during which time Wassall was seizing control of the Populist Party) the following events took place in my life:

- A. My father died, at age 70, of lung cancer.
- B. One of my best friends was murdered—shot through the heart.
- C. My cat—an aging fellow of some ten years—died of leukemia.

All of this within a 3-week period. Think about it. Don Wassall was the least thing on my mind. Once, however, I returned to my day-to-day duties and finished mourning, I realized it was my responsibility to expose Don Wassall for what he is.

ONE MAN DICTATOR

Until recently, Wassall was the office manager of the Populist Party headquarters in Ford City, Pennsylvania. As a consequence of a strange series of tragic events, Wassall is now not only office manager, but also national party chairman and remains as editor of the party's newsletter, The Populist Observer.

Through this positioning Wassall is now, effectively, the one man ruler of the entire national Populist Party apparatus. Wassall not only controls the national party headquarters, its mailing list, and bank account, but also the official party organ.

LIES AND MORE LIES

Wassall's hysterical letter of 21 paragraphs (plus inside address) has, within it, fully 50 distortions of truth, omissions of fact, half-truths or outright lies.

In this letter of my own I wish to set the record straight. I owe this to you and to myself. I owe a special "thanks" to those people who recognized Wassall's letter for the trash that it is.

Still, though, I also realize that there are many good people who might have legitimate questions. I will provide legitimate answers. It will be up to you to decide who is telling the truth.

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WHO IS MICHAEL COLLINS PIPER?

There is perhaps one truth in Wassall's letter: that I am the primary author of The SPOTLIGHT's reports on Wassall with which he takes umbrage.

Needless to say, of course, I would not be permitted to publish these things without the support of the officers and director of LIBERTY LOBBY and The SPOTLIGHT.

The reason I am the individual who has authored these reports is, of course, well known to many Populist Party members.

I was, after all, the founding executive director of the party headquarters here in the Liberty Lobby building in Washington beginning in 1984 and since that time I have been the Populist Party correspondent for The SPOTLIGHT as well as the primary contact between Liberty Lobby and the Populist Party.

As a consequence, up until at least January, 1989 I was—and I say this without bragging, simply as a truth—the only person in the entire country fully versed on the “inside” workings of the Populist Party from top to bottom. Wassall himself has acknowledged this publicly and privately many times.

Aside from all that, I have been employed by LIBERTY LOBBY for more than ten years. I started out in the Circulation Department, was promoted to Assistant Editor of The SPOTLIGHT, and am now the Director of Development for the Institution, in charge of LIBERTY LOBBY's fund-raising and promotional efforts. You are probably familiar with much of my work and I am proud of it.

THE GREATEST MISTAKE

I have made many mistakes in my short existence, but as far as the professional end is concerned, *my greatest mistake was, in 1987, suggesting not only that Don Wassall be named “Executive Director” (i.e. office manager) of the newly revived Populist Party, but also that his privately-owned newsletter, the Populist Observer, be designated the official national party organ.*

Other party leaders concurred with my suggestion and Wassall was thus positioned to ultimately grab complete control of the party in the end. I look upon myself as the “Dr. Frankenstein.” Wassall, you might say, more appropriately, is “The Piper Monster.”

Despite several early warning signs of Wassall's true character—but because I was so determined to see the party revived after William K. Shearer's destructive antics—I latched upon Wassall (who is talented, I must admit) as the logical choice to help revive the party.

Not only did I suggest that Wassall serve as the party's administrator, but I also recommended Tom McIntyre, a dedicated Populist, as an ideal national chairman. This was also agreed upon by other party founders whom Wassall calls “malcontents.”

The basic structure was thus agreed upon: Wassall would run the party's day-to-day affairs and McIntyre would serve as the party's national spokesman. McIntyre had, after all, already run for office in Pittsburgh on the Populist Party ticket—one of the few people to do so, as of that time. Tom was known, respected, and remains a popular and respected figure—despite Wassall's malicious lies.

WASSALL PROFITS AT PARTY EXPENSE

At the time the party was re-established I did suggest that Wassall sell his rights to the Populist Observer to the party organization, but he adamantly refused, despite my warnings that—ultimately—there would be charges of conflict of interest. Committee member Van Loman of Ohio also agreed with my concerns, but Wassall prevailed and the newsletter remained his private fiefdom.

Wassall started out at a salary of \$19,500—but within four years his salary had increased to \$34,000—an incredible increase even larger than the notorious congressional pay grab. (A recent letter to The SPOTLIGHT incorrectly noted Wassall's starting salary as being \$24,000.) This does not include probably \$25-30,000 dollars Wassall received on the side for his privately-owned newsletter during the next several years.

Although he has since turned over the ownership of the newsletter to the party, there is no question but that Wassall reaped great benefits from funds that would have otherwise gone to the party as a whole. In the meantime, of course, Wassall's official salary has skyrocketed correspondingly.

WASSALL'S MOTIVATION

Frankly, I am absolutely convinced that Wassall is so determined to make me, personally, the "bad guy" because he knows full well that I am the individual who promoted him, and, in a sense, know more about the truth behind his sudden prominence than perhaps anyone.

After all, who ever heard of Donald B. Wassall, before my articles in The SPOTLIGHT (and there were many of them) gave him the recognition that they did?

That sounds self-serving, I suppose, but it is THE TRUTH.

WARNING GOOD PEOPLE

My sole motivation in exposing Wassall—now that the truth is known—has been to provide a warning to the patriots who were misled into supporting Wassall by the promotion I gave him in The SPOTLIGHT.

With all of that said and done, I would now like to give you an insight into what is probably one of the most outrageous propaganda efforts I have ever personally experienced.

HOW TO RESPOND?

Having examined Wassall's letter in detail and having given it much thought, I reflected (with much seriousness) upon the best way to respond to his letter.

The appropriate response is to comment directly on the various charges that Wassall has made. In this way there is the opportunity to c put on the record the nature of Wassall's incredible misrepresentations.

Once this letter has been reviewed by those seeking the truth, Don Wassall will become—as he was before being given undeserved recognition—an non-entity in the populist movement. This he deserves.

STRUCTURE OF RESPONSE

What follows is almost a line-by-line commentary on the charges made in Wassall's letter.

Appearing in boldface are the word-for-word comments by Wassall, segregated paragraphically, followed by the formal response. (On occasion, I have deleted insignificant words or phrases such as first names, etc.)

The response is prefaced by a categorical definition of the nature of the charge. You will see, clearly, that Wassall has not told you the truth.

To repeat: in the 21 paragraphs of Wassall's letter, there are fully 50 distortions of truth, omissions of fact, half-truths or outright lies. Judge for yourself whether the truth is being told—and who is telling it.

Headline/Inside Address

LIE: Special Alert to all Populist Party Members and Supporters From the National Executive Committee:

This has already been addressed. See paragraph #4 above.

Paragraph #1

LIE: Please be aware that The SPOTLIGHT and Liberty Lobby have begun a campaign to destroy the Populist Party.

The newly-revived Populist Party (first located in Pittsburgh and then, at Wassall's insistence, in Ford City, Pennsylvania) was purely the product of LIBERTY LOBBY and The SPOTLIGHT. Repeated articles by Michael Collins Piper, in The SPOTLIGHT, reported on the efforts to revive the party.

What's more, the LIBERTY LOBBY/SPOTLIGHT mailing list was provided to the party to make its first fund-raising mailing. When the first executive committee for the party was established, both LIBERTY LOBBY founder Willis A. Carto and Michael Collins Piper were members.

In subsequent years, The SPOTLIGHT promoted the party and its candidates, providing mailing addresses, etc. LIBERTY LOBBY contacts with George Hansen, Bo Gritz, and David Duke made it possible for these individuals to be brought into the Populist Party sphere.

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Paragraph #2

LIE: There have been vicious, false and defamatory attacks on the Chairman, the Treasurer, and the integrity of the entire Populist Party . . .

The SPOTLIGHT has only critiqued the newly-appointed Chairman Don Wassall and his close collaborator, Phil Chesler, who has been virtually drummed out of the Populist Party of Missouri. The integrity of "the entire Populist Party" has never been questioned. The SPOTLIGHT created the Populist Party—with the cooperation of its own members. Under no circumstances would The SPOTLIGHT ever think of questioning the people who support the newspaper.

Paragraph #3

LIE: Please be aware that Liberty Lobby and the Populist Party are not associated with each other in any way.

The response (above) to paragraph #1 fully betrays the lie told by Wassall. When it was directly to Wassall's benefit, he basked in The SPOTLIGHT's spotlight.

OMISSION OF FACT: Liberty Lobby was fined tens of thousands of dollars by the Federal Election Commission on two occasions for its mismanagement of the first, defunct Populist Party, and is currently still under investigation by the FEC, some seven years later, in yet another pending lawsuit.

Yes, Liberty Lobby did pay fines to the Federal Election Commission (FEC) for its instrumental role in establishing the Populist Party. This was fully detailed to the populist Institution's Board of Policy (BOP) in a lengthy article in the BOP's membership publication "Liberty Letter." FEC regulations are very complex and designed to hinder "third" parties." Don Wassall himself signed a letter sent to the FEC defending LIBERTY LOBBY against the FEC's charges. Wassall conveniently does not mention this fact. (A copy of this letter will be provided upon request.)

Paragraph #4

LIE: When we established the Populist Party of America in 1987 we made sure we were truly independent of all other groups and organizations, including Liberty Lobby.

Previous references lay waste to Wassall's lies. In fact, Wassall regularly contacted LIBERTY LOBBY asking for publicity and support.

DISTORTION OF TRUTH: The truth is, many other movement publications have given the Populist Party more coverage than The SPOTLIGHT which has all but ignored the Populist Party during its four year history, other than to list our meetings in their Datebook, along with the meetings of the Libertarian Party and other political organizations.

Wassall knows better. The only other "movement publication" that provided publicity for the Populist Party is Wassall's own newsletter (from which he received great personal profit).

The SPOTLIGHT has not ignored the Populist Party. Not only did The SPOTLIGHT give the party its initial impetus (as noted above) but we also rented our mailing list to the party to get it off the ground.

(FEC regulations prohibit "loans" or "contributions" by incorporated entities such as The SPOTLIGHT.)

The SPOTLIGHT also provided much coverage of the party's "revival" meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Since that time we have also promoted party candidates across the country. Regular readers of The SPOTLIGHT know this.

The truth is that Donald B. Wassall spent much time (and party money) telling Populists that The SPOTLIGHT had no interest in the Populist Party. He was determined to convince Populists that The SPOTLIGHT had abandoned the Populist Party and that his profitable private newsletter, The Populist Observer, was the only publication supporting the party.

Paragraph #5

LIE: We certainly bore no ill will toward Liberty Lobby and The SPOTLIGHT.

Former Populist Party National Chairman Tom McIntyre has revealed to The SPOTLIGHT that just several weeks prior to Wassall's installment as "Executive Director" of the Populist Party, Wassall (as Pennsylvania State Chairman of the Populist Party) put the kibosh on McIntyre's effort (during the Pennsylvania party's state convention) to pass a resolution honoring The SPOTLIGHT for its instrumental role in re-establishing the party.

McIntyre left the meeting in disgust and did not speak to Wassall for some time thereafter (although both individuals were from Pittsburgh).

Several weeks afterward, following Michael Collins Piper's request that Wassall assume the party's directorship, Wassall approached McIntyre, informed him that he (McIntyre) had been asked to become chairman, and that he (Wassall) had been asked to become "executive director."

Recognizing his opportunity to seize control and make vast amounts of money, Wassall reversed his negative opinion of The SPOTLIGHT.

Paragraph #6

LIE: We have taken, and will continue to take, the high road in this totally unprovoked, totally unnecessary attempt to ruin the Populist Party.

Anybody who has read Wassall's letter (written in the name of the party's executive committee) knows this to be an absolute falsehood. Wassall has adopted the low road.

NAME CALLING: "a tiny group of incompetents, misfits and embittered alcoholics"

Simply reflect upon, in the pages of Wassall's Populist Observer, the many positive things that Wassall has said about party founders such as Tom McIntyre, for example, and then consider the things that he is saying about them now. *Was Wassall lying then—or is he lying now?*

Paragraph #7

OMISSION OF FACT: This pathetic, blatantly obvious hatchet job is in fact being orchestrated and carried out in large part by a disturbed SPOTLIGHT employee, Michael Collins Piper.

The founder, editor, managing editor, executive editor, copy editor and several proofreaders of The SPOTLIGHT (including a retired American diplomat) would not approve any "hatchet jobs" in The SPOTLIGHT. This is the publication route of a typical SPOTLIGHT story—particularly controversial ones. *As far as my being "disturbed, that is quite true: I am disturbed at what Don Wassall is doing with the party and its money.*

Paragraph #8

OMISSION OF FACT: Populist Party supporters should be aware that Piper is not, and never has been, a dues-paying member of the Populist Party of America.

No, I have never paid any formal "dues" to the Populist Party, primarily because of the fact that I was, for some time, a paid party worker.

On the other hand, I did not receive compensation for literally hundreds of hours expended (on private time) answering telephone calls (after 9-5 business hours and on my personal home telephone) from party members (Don Wassall included) who contacted me at home asking for publicity in The SPOTLIGHT.

OMISSION OF FACT: He (Piper) has never joined or contributed financially to the Party, nor to any of the many candidates the Party has run the past four years.

The fact is I have spent endless hours (without compensation—nor asking for it) providing advice to numerous party candidates and members (on my own time) about matters such as ballot access, fund-raising, etc. A logical question arises: "Has Don Wassall contributed to party members?"

DISTORTION OF TRUTH: When we started the Party in 1987, Piper, because of his clout at The SPOTLIGHT, appointed himself as an "ex-officio" member of our National Executive Committee.

I did not appoint myself to the party's executive committee. In fact, I suggested that the Populist Party elect me as a non-voting "ex-officio" member of the executive committee since—during its first meeting—I was the only person who could answer all of the committee's "in-depth" questions about the party's affairs.

If you want to know the truth, I was tired of being asked to come into committee meetings to provide information when I wasn't even a committee member and didn't even know the context in which committee meeting were being discussed.

Nonetheless, since most of the committee members had questions that only I could answer, I offered to serve as a non-voting member.

Since I was employed by LIBERTY LOBBY founder Willis A. Carto I did not believe it would be appropriate to be a voting member, inasmuch as Mr. Carto was, himself, a voting member. For that reason I offered to consult with the executive committee—but not as a voting member.

Although Don Wassall has decided to forget this fact, he was one of those who endorsed my offer.

OMISSION OF FACT: While one would think a person in such a position would want to volunteer some of his time to help the party, Piper's attitude was just the opposite.

The nature of my repeated volunteer efforts on behalf of the party has already been discussed in detail. One might also ask why Wassall demanded complete financial benefit from the Populist Observer newsletter which, by rights, should have been owned by the Populist Party from the very beginning. *And what about the \$6,970.35 that Treasurer Phil Chesler has given himself for "professional fees"? This plus an additional \$2,312.99 paid to a woman in Chesler's employ. Why has Chesler not volunteered his time as all previous Populist Party treasurers have done?*

Paragraph #9

OMISSION OF FACT: Piper wrote a 'pitch letter' for the party, the kind of routine communication which Executive Director/Chairman Don Wassall has written many dozens of times over the past four years.

Yes, I wrote a "pitch letter" (as Wassall calls fundraising endeavors) on behalf of the party. A fundraising letter, contrary to Wassall's thinking, is not "a routine communication." On the contrary, a fundraising letter can either make or break an organization or Institution. Perhaps Wassall considers such a letter a "routine communication." Personally, I generally spend as much as 20-30 hours on such a letter. Evidently, Wassall does not.

LIE AND OMISSION OF FACT: After writing the first pitch letter in April of 1987, in fact *seven months afterwards*, Piper called Don Wassall demanding \$1,500 for the couple of hours time the letter took to write.

Wassall was fully aware that the agreement was that I would be paid for my independent (non-SPOTLIGHT time) work on behalf of the Populist Party.

Because the Populist Party was short on funds, I had no desire to demand payment immediately. It was more appropriate, I felt, to wait until the party had raised the funds necessary to make payment for the letter in question. Thus, the waiting period. In fact, drafting the fundraiser required several days in total.

Most people who write and arrange such fund-raising letters require a minimum of twice as much as the fee that I requested from the Populist Party.

After many years of work on behalf of Wassall and others, frankly, I felt that I deserved—at the very least—a minimum token of appreciation.

Wassall forgets to mention that not only did the fundraiser ask for funds for the Populist Party but that it also solicited subscriptions for his privately-owned newsletter.

(You will not be surprised to learn that Wassall himself never reimbursed the Populist Party for the expenses of printing and mailing the special flyer (part of the mailing) that promoted his privately owned newsletter. It was this flyer that gave his newsletter—at party expense—its first national impetus, thereby providing him massive profit at the party's expense.)

LIE AND OMISSION OF FACT: When Wassall rightfully refused, Piper followed up his demand by writing Wassall a letter, reiterating his outrageous request.

Wassall did not "refuse." Initially, in fact, Wassall simply said that "The funds aren't there." I did not press the matter. When I did, finally, ask for payment, Wassall said, "Maybe I should discuss this with Willis Carto." (founder of Liberty Lobby).

This was an obvious attempt to intimidate me. I told Wassall not to try to threaten me and then promptly wrote him a letter, recognizing that Wassall was determined to use whatever influence he had to silence me—presumably in an effort to keep as much money as he could for himself.

OMISSION OF FACT: In the letter, Piper wrote that if Wassall ever again "threatened him," (by mentioning taking the matter up with Piper's boss), Piper would "rip (your) rotten little liver right out. Take that as serious as it's meant."

The reference to a "rotten little liver" was quite pointed. During our conversation (referred to above) Wassall alleged that I was "under the influence" (or words to that effect) when I made my request for reimbursement. Since Wassall had already informed me that he was a marijuana smoker (and since, I am told, both alcohol and illicit drugs damage the liver) I used the reference to a "rotten little liver."

Since that time I have been told by former Populist Party National Chairman Tom McIntyre that he was aware of at least one instance wherein Wassall smoked marijuana at one gathering. Also that on one occasion McIntyre encountered Wassall at party headquarters in Ford City evidently under the influence of some hallucinogen.

Evidently my instincts were correct. Whatever the case, events have proven that Wassall deserves punishment for his activities.

Paragraph 10

HALF-TRUTH AND OMISSION OF FACT: Despite Piper's death threat, Wassall and the Party were not intimidated, and the \$1,500 was never paid Piper.

Fact: Under pressure from Tom McIntyre, Don Wassall did issue a check to me for the amount of \$250 from the Populist Party (although, to be perfectly honest, I still contend that this was not adequate.) Acknowledging his own debt for the fund-raising and subscription impetus I gave his newsletter, Wassall also sent me a check for \$100 from "The Populist Observer" (a private bank account under his control.)

Wassall has yet to reimburse the Populist Party for the amounts the party expended on behalf of his personal newsletter—probably a total of \$10,000 altogether. Ask Wassall about this.

Fact: If Wassall had seriously considered my angry letter a "death threat" he would not have continued to work closely with me personally and with The SPOTLIGHT until March of 1989 when he effectively seized control of the Populist Party. Unless, of course, it was part of his strategy to do so. What do you think?

LIE AND OMISSION OF FACT: [Piper] pulled the same stunt in 1988, demanding \$1,500 for a couple hours of his time, some six months after the fact.

Again, the agreement was that I would draft the fund-raising letter for the Populist Party on my own time. The work did not involve "a couple hours"—as Wassall well know. And, again, I only requested payment after the party's presidential campaign was over.

Wassall put me off, saying that the party was "short of funds," and asked me to reduce the bill. Having experienced what I experienced before, I said, honestly, that this was not possible.

The matter was not discussed until approximately four months later. Wassall again reiterated that the funds were not available and asked me to re-submit my billing. The original bill, he said, had been "misplaced." He asked me to wait until party dues had been paid in January of 1989—one year after the letter had been drafted.

The matter was NEVER discussed again. I realized that Wassall had no intention to pay a legitimate debt since it would take funds from his "private" treasury.

LIE AND OMISSION OF FACT: Again, this outrageous demand was refused. To protect itself, the Party has since listed this second attempt to rip off money from its treasury as a "Disputed Debt" in its period reports to the Federal Election Commission."

Factually, Wassall never refused to pay the debt. It was simply never discussed. In fact, throughout the year of 1989 (during which I attended the party's national meeting in Chicago in March) and through 1991 the question of Wassall's debt to me was never discussed. I only learned of the "disputed debt" in late 1990 when I reviewed Wassall's filings with the FEC. All during this time Wassall continued to maintain friendly relations with The SPOTLIGHT even though his FEC filings contained a negative reference to me vis-a-vis the debt.

LIE: Anyone can obtain our reports by paying the FEC for copies. In addition, a full financial statement is always handed out to all attendees of our annual National Committee meeting."

The last thing that Wassall wants is for anyone to see the FEC reports which reveal how much money he has made at the expense of the Populist Party. Additionally, the "full financial statement" that Wassall is touting is a one-page document that does not—in any way—reveal the full extent to which Wassall and his allies are profiting at the expense of the Populist Party.

Paragraph #11

LIE: Mike Piper, who suffers from a severe case of alcoholism, has nursed an insatiable hatred for Wassall ever since his two attempts to rip the Party off were refused.

Yes, I drink. So does Don Wassall. He has good reason to know how much I drink. We have stood—side by side—alongside other party leaders—in numerous bars in various hotels around the country.

Unlike Wassall, however, I do not use marijuana. Further, if I nursed an "insatiable hatred" for Wassall (as a result of his refusal to pay legitimate debts) I would not have continued to promote his fundraising entities in the pages of The SPOTLIGHT. Please ask Wassall to explain this, if you will.

LIE: [Piper] is out to destroy Wassall's reputation for absolute integrity, which is vouched for by everyone who has ever worked with him."

No, I am not out to destroy "Wassall's reputation for absolute integrity." As we have noted in The SPOTLIGHT (much to Wassall's dismay) he has no such reputation.

The fact is that "everyone who has ever worked with him" (with the exception of people who share party funds with Wassall) considers Wassall a deceitful, conniving, self-serving troublemaker.

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LIE: Piper has gathered to his side a tiny group of fellow misfits who have no following or influence in our Party.

Contrary to Wassall's claim, I have not gathered anyone to my side. In truth, I was contacted—repeatedly—by Wassall's critics who asked for The SPOTLIGHT's support in exposing Wassall.

Since, in March of 1989, Wassall forced my employer, LIBERTY LOBBY founder Willis A. Carto, out of the Populist Party, I have had little to do with—nor have I known much about—the inner workings of the Populist Party.

As anyone who knows the history of the Populist Party can attest, Wassall's critics (some of whom were named in The SPOTLIGHT, are among those who do have following and influence in the party.

LIE: Bill Mahler of Michigan and Jess Malcolm of West Virginia who are among this tiny group of malcontents, have since started their own political party to satisfy their egos.

Bill Mahler and Jess Malcolm are decent men. When it served his purpose, Wassall said so in his private newsletter. When, however, these two men bucked Wassall he decided that they were "among this tiny group of malcontents."

Wassall even said Mr. Malcolm (a lively man if ever there was one) was "elderly." Some of the party's most active members fit that category.

The only reason that Mahler and Malcolm considered a new party was because they felt that Wassall had consolidated his control of the Populist Party.

LIE: Another malcontent, Tom McIntyre, a former Party chairman who was a pure figurehead with little interest in putting time in and whose was actually done for him by Wassall (who never took or wanted credit for it) is, like Piper, long gone from the Populist Party scene and has done nothing, and is incapable of doing, anything politically since his departure.

Paragraph #12

LIE: This tiny group and a few others who have been in the middle of every conflict this movement has witnessed over the past decade and whose reputation for divisive behavior is well known, have combined, not to take over the Populist Party, but to wreck it, to satisfy their own wounded egos.

Wassall's critics do not wish to wreck the Populist Party but, instead, to free it from his grip. It is an absolute lie when Wassall contends that his critics "have been in the middle of every conflict this movement has witnessed over the past decade."

Honestly, if all of these people have a "reputation for divisive behavior," why did this tower of integrity—Mr. Don Wassall—have anything to do with these personalities to begin with? After all, these are the people that Wassall praised in his profitable, privately-owned newsletter!

Paragraph #13

LIE: To clarify just a few of Piper's endless stream of lies, there is no "grass roots movement" to "oust" or replace current Party leaders who are widely acknowledged to be the most able and dedicated the Party has ever had.

If Wassall's claim is true, why, then, did numerous respected party leaders gather in Clemmons, North Carolina to discuss "The Wassall Problem."

Very cleverly, Wassall tries to lump himself in with the "current Party leaders who are widely acknowledged to be the most able and dedicated the Party has ever had."

The fact is that Wassall's critics do not include other executive committee members—with the possible exception of collaborator Phil Chesler (who signs Wassall's checks, as well as his—Chesler's—own) among the party miscreants.

LIE: No one "seized power," or engaged in "financial improprieties."

Wassall did indeed seize power by making it intolerable for party leaders such as Chairman Tom McIntyre, Vice-Chairman and Chairman A. J. Barker, Secretary Bill Mahler and Ballot Access Director Jim Yarbrough to continue serving in office.

Apparently, Wassall's guilty conscience is disturbing him greatly. Never once—at least prior to the distribution of Wassall's infamous letter—did anyone allege that he or anyone else had engaged in "financial improprieties."

LIE: In fact, most of the members of Piper's tiny band of dissidents themselves tried to seize power last summer and fall, and were unanimously, repeat unanimously repudiated by our National Executive Committee.

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"Piper's tiny band" did their alleged misdeeds several months before Piper ever knew that there were problems in the Populist Party.

In fact, during the period in question, I was suffering from the personal problems mentioned earlier and not concerned with Wassall's activities. |

As Wassall well knows, several executive committee members voted to accept his resignation when it was clear that his outrageous behavior was becoming just TOO MUCH for the party to handle.

Paragraph #14

DISTORTION OF TRUTH: Don Wassall is not a dictator, or a former "office manager."

Yes, Don Wassall has emerged as a "dictator" who will put up with no opposition. Yes, Don Wassall was the former "office manager," despite what he may think.

DISTORTION OF TRUTH: He was "unanimously elected to be the Party's first "hands on" Chairman.

Fact: Wassall was "unanimously elected" national chairman after Vice Chairman Tom Parker refused to accept the post. No one else stepped forward and Wassall eagerly stepped into the office.

LIE/DISTORTION OF TRUTH: He is "respected for his abilities and organizational talents by every Populist Party activist in the United States."

If Wassall is as respected as he claims, why does he have to go to such extremes to proclaim his respect. Further, why do many party founders question his capabilities and devotion to the cause. Could it be because of Wassall's profiteering, noted above?

Paragraph #15

LIE: Piper completely twisted a recent meeting of the North Carolina Populist Party. It was a state meeting, which Populists from neighboring states attended because of the fine lineup of speakers.

Another Wassall lie. Piper was invited to the North Carolina meeting to give his own evidence against Wassall.

The meeting was not a "state meeting." As its own notice (provided by Jim Yarbrough) noted in The SPOTLIGHT, it was a "state/regional/national" meeting (check this).

Many Populists from faraway states (including John Justice of Illinois) attended the affair.

Although Wassall once conspired to throw Justice (a major contributor) out of the party, Justice (a dedicated Populist) stood behind Wassall, for whatever reasons of his own.

In fact, a major purpose of the meeting (which had been scheduled several weeks in advance) was to consider how to deal with Wassall.

DISTORTION OF TRUTH: There was not one word of criticism voiced about the Populist Party or its current leaders during the entire meeting.

There were several references to national party problems during the formal state meeting of the North Carolina Populist Party. However, since it was, for the most part, a STATE meeting, the national party problems were not discussed. See below, however, for further details on Wassall's lies.

LIE: The charges various former members and officers supposedly made about Don Wassall and Phil Chesler are, again, vicious lies.

The charges made against Wassall and Chesler were made in the presence of numerous party leaders in a private meeting on the night of Friday, February 8, 1990 (not during the formal conference on February 9).

That Wassall would charge that these charges were "supposedly made" and are "vicious lies" shows the extent to which he will go to defend his own now-notorious reputation.

Think about it: (seriously, now!): Would The SPOTLIGHT subject itself to numerous possible libel suits by attributing false charges to a wide variety of party leaders from around the country?

Really now! The SPOTLIGHT has enough enemies in the Establishment. Why should The SPOTLIGHT permit itself to win enemies among people who are as concerned about Donald B. Wassall's perfidy as much as The SPOTLIGHT?

LIE/DISTORTION OF TRUTH: The truth is that a few people did meet privately in a hotel room after the meeting to air some gripes.

Whoops! Another Wassall lie. The night before the meeting in question, several party leaders met to discuss Wassall and at that time they made the charges that were reported in The SPOTLIGHT. The evening after the state meeting (February 9) many of the same individuals once again met to discuss the Wassall Problem.

DISTORTION OF TRUTH: Almost all of this group of eight dissidents strongly urged Mike Piper not to print any further attack on The SPOTLIGHT.

Fearing that Wassall would respond in his private newsletter, The Populist Observer, or in a mailing of the type now being reviewed, party critics did ask The SPOTLIGHT to remain silent. However, inasmuch as The SPOTLIGHT owes a responsibility to its readers who joined the Populist Party, it was determined that an appropriate report on Wassall's activities was necessary.

Paragraph 16

DISTORTION OF TRUTH: As for our upcoming national convention, we are having it in California because we have more members there any any other state and because we've never had a national meeting in the West before.

Wassall insists that he has no relationship with William K. Shearer. Consider this: Wassall personally admitted to me (during the time when Shearer was already controversial within the Populist Party) that he was still having dealings with Shearer's office in San Diego, California.

Aside from that, by the way, national executive committee member Van Loman admitted (to me) that the primary reason why Wassall had scheduled the national committee meeting in California was because it (California) was inconvenient to Wassall's primary critics in the Populist Party (a clear effort to exploit the good people in the California organization).

There is much more to be told about Wassall's relationship with Shearer —and other parties.

Has Wassall ever reported in The Populist Observer about his warm and friendly communication with the late David McCalden (a known agent of the ADL)? I know Wassall has not reported this in his private newsletter, despite the fact that I personally warned him of McCalden's affiliations. (McCalden since died of AIDS.)

LIE/DISTORTION OF TRUTH: That the disturbed super-lush Piper is making a big deal out of this shows how desperate he is for material in his smear.

The "big deal" has not been Wassall's relationship with Shearer. The "big deal" has been Wassall's overall activity—as Wassall well knows. His reference to me as a "super lush" reveals how much a cornered Cobra responds when confronted with truth.

Paragraph 17

OMISSION OF FACT: The National Executive Committee has tried to show restraint through this matter.

The National Executive Committee would respond with truth if given the opportunity. Wassall, however, has appointed himself as the committee spokesman. The committee has shown restraint; Wassall has not.

LIE: Furthermore, we're prepared to defend the integrity of its members in all ways honorable.

Wassall's attack on the founders of the Populist Party belies his lie published in the name of the party's executive committee. There is nothing honorable in Wassall's letter.

Paragraph 18

LIE: Instead of responding to our telegram, the most vicious smear story yet promptly appeared in The SPOTLIGHT.

Although Wassall was informed that Mr. Carto was about to formally respond (a copy of which response is available from The SPOTLIGHT, 300 Independence Ave., SE, Washington, D.C. 20003) Wassall preferred to send out his hate letter beforehand.

Paragraph 19

OMISSION OF FACT: Anyone sincerely interested in helping the Populist Party would make any legitimate concerns they have known at our upcoming national convention.

Anyone who thinks that Wassall would permit his critics into a meeting under Wassall's control is very much misled. That's why Wassall has scheduled his meeting for the West Coast.

DISTORTION OF TRUTH: (It should also be known that Mike Piper has been telling selected people

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for months that he was going to try to ruin the reputations of Chairman Don Wassall and Treasurer Phil Chesler.)

The fact is that I have told numerous people that when the truth were known about Wassall and Chesler that they could never continue to profit at party expense.

Paragraph #20

LIE: We will not climb down into the sewer with Mike Piper and engage in a running mudslinging battle. We will state our position, clearly and concisely.

Don Wassall—not the executive committee—has already climbed into the sewer. Wassall has avoided the truth altogether

Paragraph #21

OMISSION OF FACT: We have never aired our disputes or problems in public before, but the survival of the Populist Party is now at stake and we must let you know exactly what is going on and why.

Wassall, as owner and editor of The Populist Observer, will never print the truth about his critics in the Populist Party.

DISTORTION OF TRUTH: We feel very badly for all the faithful SPOTLIGHT readers who are being manipulated and lied to, but this is something the SPOTLIGHT must answer for, not the Populist Party.

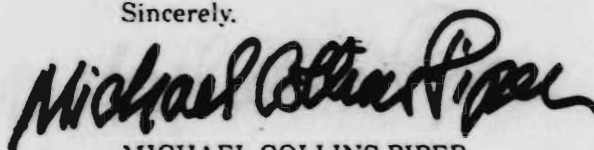
The SPOTLIGHT feels very badly for all the faithful SPOTLIGHT readers who are being manipulated and lied to, but this is something Donald B. Wassall—not the Populist Party—must answer for, not The SPOTLIGHT.

To the members of LIBERTY LOBBY and the Populist Party and readers of The SPOTLIGHT: Please, by all means, let me know what you think.

Who is telling the truth—The SPOTLIGHT or Donald B. Wassall?

I need to hear from you. Please respond.

Sincerely,



MICHAEL COLLINS PIPER

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Populists Reject 'Ford City Gang'

EXCLUSIVE TO THE SPOTLIGHT

BY JOHN TIFFANY

"The Ford City gang has got to go!"

That was the rallying cry of a host of prominent national Populist Party leaders who gathered in Clemmons, North Carolina on the weekend of February 8-10.

The Populist leaders were there to discuss the seizure of the national party headquarters in Ford City, Pennsylvania, its mailing list and its bank account by young Donald Wassall who—until just recently—was only the office manager.

Wassall's critics include an impressive array of party leaders from around the country who were on hand in North Carolina to publicly—and frankly—discuss the office manager-turned-chairman's outrageous conduct.

• **Former National Chairman Tom McIntyre** of Pittsburgh described Wassall's abusive, arrogant and sometimes bizarre behavior and how Wassall schemed to oust at least four other current members of the party's national executive committee: Van Loman of Ohio, Don Black of Florida, John Justice of Illinois and John Warnock of Arkansas.

• **Former National Chairman A.J. Barker** of North Carolina described how Wassall kept the party's financial and political affairs secret from Barker during the time Barker served as national chairman.

• **Former National Ballot Ac-**

cess Director Jim Yarbrough of Georgia described how Wassall engaged in secret dealings with National Treasurer Phil Chesler, interfered with ballot access measures and denied funds for efforts that would have won ballot status for the party in several states.

• **Former National Secretary Bill Mahler** of Michigan described how Wassall manipulated the executive committee to enhance his own power and influence, sometimes in contravention of the party's by-laws.

• **Former National Secretary Jerry Pope** of Kentucky described how Wassall engaged in disruptive behind-the-scenes maneuvering to undermine fellow party leaders.

• **Ralph Forbes**, former director of the David Duke for President campaign, described how Wassall's intransigence prevented the David Duke campaign from winning at least \$100,000 in federal campaign matching funds.

• **Marvin Seat**, 1990 Populist Party congressional candidate from Kentucky, described how Wassall undermined his House campaign and denied him much-needed additional funds during the campaign's last days.

• **Pete Godlove**, chairman of the Populist Party of Maryland, described how Wassall has sought to keep total control of the national party structure and finances and how Wassall has smeared many of



DONALD B. WASSALL

... Ford City promoter Donald B. Wassall, who ousted several respected Populist Party leaders and then seized control of the national party office, says it is "untrue" that he is conspiring with his fellow lawyer and California counterpart, William K. Shearer. Nonetheless, Wassall intends to hold his next meeting in Shearer's Golden State stomping grounds.



WILLIAM K. SHEARER

his critics by accusing them of being hostile "agents."

• **Jess Malcolm**, former chairman of the Populist Party of West Virginia, described how Wassall objected when Malcolm—new at the time to the party—sought to have a voice in national party affairs. Wassall preferred to keep absolute power in his own hands.

• **Michael Collins Piper**, special correspondent for The SPOTLIGHT, described how Wassall not only intrigued against party

founder Willis A. Carto but also refused to pay legitimate party debts and how Wassall spent a minimal amount of party funds supporting candidates and on ballot access.

During the North Carolina conference former chairman McIntyre drafted, in his own handwriting, a judiciously worded resolution condemning Wassall's activity and urging action be taken to save the party. The resolution was signed by those Populists who objected to Wassall's sleight-of-hand dealings.

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February 28, 1991

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Gentlemen:

This is in response to your wire of February 14. To properly formulate a response I must go back to 1984, the year I resurrected the name of the Populist Party, wrote the platform with the assistance of Bob Weems, named all of the original officers, hired various professionals, set up the organizing scheme, wrote the by-laws, wrote the fund-raising letters, used the mailing lists of LIBERTY LOBBY and The SPOTLIGHT, raised about a million dollars, organized the foundational national committee meeting in Nashville which gave formal life to the party, generally presided over all of the important organizing details--and many not so important--and did so for no financial compensation at all, and very little appreciation from anyone.

In fact, LIBERTY LOBBY lent to the party some \$200,000 in startup costs (an historically tiny figure for what was accomplished), gave page after page in The SPOTLIGHT as publicity, and suffered greatly from the 80% of our people who either did not join the party or actively opposed it.

We also suffered from two deadbeats and troublemakers named Bill Shearer and Bob Richards. And we have suffered, and are still suffering, from the Federal Election Commission (FEC) which has cost Mike Piper, Blayne Hutzler and me great trauma and LIBERTY LOBBY much money.

That year I made mostly correct decisions but made mistakes as well. The second worst mistake was selecting Bob Richards as the candidate; the gravest mistake--indeed, it was fatal for the Populist Party of the United States--was accepting the offer of Bill Shearer to bring in the American Independent Party of California in order to give us ballot position in the largest state.

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After Shearer proved his evil malice by chartering a new Populist Party and thereby destroying the legitimate party and almost the whole movement, I was forced to start again rather than see all my work and the work of others go for nothing. So I got together a group of the loyal party members and called the meeting of January 31, 1987 in Washington, D.C. which approved new bylaws for the Populist Party of America (which I wrote). The first meeting of the national committee adopted them on March 7, 1987.

At that time I made another mistake by accepting Don Wassall as the Executive Director. I can claim this as not being my fault, however, as I did not know his character.

(Mike Piper cheerfully admits to having been, in his words, "taken in" by Wassall. Mike notes that had he acknowledged the early warning signs about Wassall for what they proved to be, he would not have recommended Wassall for the job.)

I do not apologize, however, for having asked Tom McIntyre to serve as Populist Party National Chairman. Tom--far more than Don Wassall, in particular--understands what populism is all about.

During the national convention in St. Louis in 1987, Tom told me he was going to resign as chairman because he could not continue working with Don Wassall. I, however, prevailed on him to remain.

This illustrates Tom's continuing commitment to the principles of populism. He refuses to play along with Don's "musical chairs" intrigue which has been the hallmark of the Populist Party since I left the executive committee in March of 1989.

As before, it was my purpose to give life and direction to the party structure, hoping against hope that the leaders would heed my counsel, based on experience, and not make the same mistakes all previous attempts to set up a new party have made for the last 30 years or so. But I had other obligations and could not extend myself any further, let alone seek to control the party.

During the preparations for the national committee meeting to be held in Chicago on March 4, 1989, I suffered the tragic realization that the fate of the Populist Party of America would be the same as all previous efforts. The realization came about when Wassall sabotaged the excellent program I had drawn up as chairman of the program committee. It was then I knew that the course of the party was to be downhill all the way after then and I wrote a 3-page letter to the executive committee stating I was dropping out, which was delivered by Mike on March 1. A copy of that letter is appended which speaks for itself and spares me having to recount the details.

I will also append a copy of the cover letter to the program I developed which I sent to all committee members on February 13, 1989. This is very important because it enunciates some of the vitally important guidelines which are absolutely essential to be observed by the leaders of any successful new party. For instance, the elimination of a Platform

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Committee, purging yo-yos and hobbyists from party leadership and avoiding the mistakes which every new party effort has succumbed to heretofore, such as getting bogged down in speechifying rather than action and the playing of musical chairs for titles rather than organizing. I knew that the Chicago meeting would be the prototype for all subsequent such meetings and if it was not done properly then it never would be.

Since I recognized the inevitable and dropped out in March, 1989, I have had absolutely nothing to do with the executive committee nor has my advice been asked. I have not attempted to interfere in the party's affairs in any way, shape or form but I have continued to support the state organizations thinking that possibly some inspirational and organizational genius would arise and put the party into shape.

In fact, this is all that will save the party from exactly the fate of all the others. One man has to come forward capable of exercising authoritative control within the democratic framework. THERE IS NO OTHER POSSIBLE SOLUTION. Sadly, I see no one on the scene capable of this.

All of this is very sad. If the party had continued according to my plan of 1984, today there would be populists in Congress and elected officials all over the nation. We would probably not be at war. A real Populist Party effort manned by honest and capable leaders would be the only alternative to the rampant political criminality we now have. That nothing like this is even remotely in sight has to be laid mainly to two persons, William K. Shearer and Donald B. Wassall.

In specific reply to your wire, here are some of the actions or lack of them which have impelled me to notify our subscribers of the wreckage of the current Populist Party national office.

My decision to make this notification was made after much thought. Although it is difficult to carry bad news to credulous and good hearted patriots, it would be a dereliction of duty for me to permit continued ignorance on the part of our subscribers about a matter directly affecting the well-being of many of them. They expect The SPOTLIGHT to tell them the truth, as we always have.

* The party's filings with the FEC reflect serious deficiencies in an emphasis on party-building and raise numerous questions about conflict of interest and personal profiteering. A letter to the editor published in The SPOTLIGHT on March (a copy of which is attached) summarizes this matter all too well, although there is much more that can be--and may be--said. Several persons who have examined the FEC reports and who have other "inside" knowledge of the party's affairs have provided The SPOTLIGHT with additional information of a highly inflammatory nature.

The sum total of Don's personal profiteering, through the Populist Observer, has yet to be calculated fully, and probably never will be. Suffice it to say, the party would have served its own interests better by heeding the advice of Van Loman early on and purchasing Don's interest in the newsletter. The party lost tens of thousands of dollars in revenue that went to Don and which should have been routed into the party's bank account on the way to the vast sea of political opportunity awaiting.

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* Richard Winger, the nationally-known ballot access authority who has provided invaluable assistance to the Populist Party for the last seven years has dropped the Populist Party from his newsletter's columnar listings of "third" parties seeking ballot access in 1992. Although numerous left-wing splinter groups are already winning ballot status for 1992 this year, the Populist Party is not. According to Winger, there are nineteen states where the party could already have been working to get on the ballot during the period of April through October, 1990 (the period during which intra-party intrigue appears to have been Don Wassall's primary interest).

I will name those states in the event Don has not provided this information to the executive committee: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, California, Delaware, Hawaii, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah and Vermont.

* I note that the Populist Party has a new platform. This is one evidence of Wassall's megalomania. Neither he nor the executive committee has the authority to change the platform. This is a power reserved exclusively to the national committee. It is incredible to me that a man who says he is a lawyer would arrogate this power to himself or to a body which is supposed to be the creature exclusively of the national committee. The Populist Party has to endorse liberty under law, not unilateral, will-o-the-wisp changes willy-nilly to the statement which is an integral part of the party. For this contemptuous act alone Wassall should be removed.

This is most definitely not to say that I endorse the idea of a Platform Committee at national committee meetings nor any changes at all in the platform except updating the figures. One of the distinctive characteristics of the party as I envisioned it was to be the stability of its platform, as distinct from the political opportunism of the platforms of other parties.

* Wassall has also changed the colors of the party and changed the falcon-phoenix to an eagle. This is another indication of not merely his illegal high-handedness but radical political stupidity. It should be obvious to all that such a change cannot be made by one man nor by the executive committee. What is this meat that Caesar feed on? Only the national committee has the authority to change the image of the party, isn't that obvious? The founding national committee of the party selected the colors and the emblem. Green was selected precisely because it was NOT the colors of every other party and is the color of life and regeneration and was as distinctive as the party itself once was and the falcon-phoenix was selected precisely for the same reasons.

Have the executive committee considered that this change makes obsolete every pin, flag, drinking mug, letter and banner in the country that loyal members have invested in? Do they really believe that this change will attract even ONE new member to the party? Is the next change to be in the party's name? Or are Wassall's arrogant changes merely a gratuitous slap at me? Whatever the reason, this alone characterizes Don Wassall as a political nerd.

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* There is the matter of the alleged national committee meeting that will be held in California at some still-undetermined time and place. First of all, this is clearly illegal and void and ultra vires. The national committee is commanded by the bylaws to meet the first Saturday in March. Has any legal change been made in these bylaws? I doubt it. Therefore, the meeting will be a sham and any and all actions taken there will be illegal and of no effect. Don should consult a lawyer.

Secondly, why in California? This is the one state where there should be no national meeting. There is very little chance, even considering the active Populists in that state, that the party, with its inept national leadership, can get on the ballot there. Wassall knows this. The only reason Bill Shearer's AIP is on the California ballot is because George Wallace put it there. Do we have a George Wallace? There is another reason perhaps that Wassall wants the meeting in California--that is to form an alliance with Bill Shearer, and there have been rumors to the effect that he is in touch with Shearer for this purpose. I don't have to comment on this any further. The only other possible real reason I can think of that Don may want the meeting there is because it is so out-of-the-way that no one will come from out of state and he can then perpetuate his tin soldier pretensions of leadership.

A national committee meeting should be held when the bylaws command and in a location which will augment the party's overall strategy.

Frankly, under Wassall's grip, the party will not be able to survive because there is no possibility that can ever result in anything except a drain on sincere patriots and a sinecure for Wassall.

Rather than make this any longer, I will stop here, believing that the above is a full response to your telegram except to say that our intent is to continue to support populism, of which we have been the revivers and primary expositors. It is a shame that this salvational political philosophy is not understood by some persons in the national leadership. And we intend to continue to support all honest and even marginally effective movements that advance the populist cause. If we can ever be of assistance to such efforts, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,


W. A. Carto
Founder

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POPULIST PARTY
NATIONAL COMMITTEE

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March 2, 1989

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

I am sorry that I will miss this weekend's events. There are a number of reasons I have made this decision. Some of them follow but also there is the simple fact that I feel that I should no longer sacrifice my time for the Populist Party as its leadership is now constituted. I have many commitments and frankly after making the decision not to attend I feel as if a great weight has been taken from my shoulders.

It is important to straighten out the record, however, and that is the purpose of this letter, which I am circulating only to the executive committee and no one else.

I've listened to the recording Mike made of the conference call of last night and am upset at some of the information. First of all, regarding Governor Mechem, it is true that I did call Harry Everingham on Tuesday. My purpose was to find out if the situation was as bad in Arizona as I had been informed. Harry told me that Mechem's enemies--through the Arizona Republic, which has dedicated itself to destroying him--were making his appearance at our national committee meeting as a cause celebre in an attempt to destroy him, calling him about every name in the book, including apparently the worst of all--not believing in the "Holocaust" because of his alleged association with yours truly.

I asked Harry if he thought that Mechem would cancel. Harry said that he did not know if he would or not. I said that I was a big boy and if he did so decide that I would understand the political reasoning that would impel him to do this.

I just now called Harry to find out exactly what he had told Don Wassall. Harry said that he told Don Wassall the above and also told Don that he had, indeed, called Mechem later in that day and as soon as he got him on the line Mechem told him that he had decided not to come and already issued his statement to the press. Harry said that he had told Don this.

In other words, last night Don Wassall very well knew that I had absolutely nothing to do with Mechem's decision even though he blamed me for it.

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Incidentally, I did indeed call Necham on Tuesday for the purpose of advising him that it was very unlikely that David Duke would be there. His secretary said he was busy and took my number. I placed this call before talking to Duke and Don and Mike. (Don called just as I was talking to David and was patched in.) At that time David said what we had all expected for days--that he almost surely could not make it to Chicago.

After this call Gov. Necham returned my earlier call. I told him that I was sorry that he had decided not to come and that the purpose of my call was to tell him that Duke would not be there. He said that it was too late to reverse himself and I assured him that I understood.

This is not the only instance of deceit I have encountered with Don. The matter of the agenda is so outrageous it is funny. Don's sending out of the first draft of my agenda when he very well knew that it was obsolete needs no embellishment. He knew that I had made all of the changes he demanded because I had read it off to him during one of his interminable telephone calls, on Friday, February 21. I still do not know why he demanded that I send him a hard copy via overnight Federal Express.

Incidentally, his sending out the obsolete program of mine with his own and a letter calling the meeting of last night was not only deceitful it was a total waste of money and time. (To illustrate his careless attitude toward party funds, he sent two parcels to Mike and me at the same address rather than inserting both in one parcel for each of us.)

I note that absolutely nothing was accomplished during the meeting of last night except to give me a hard time. So the meeting was totally futile and a complete waste of time and party money, as was obvious it would be, which is why I opposed it.

Perhaps not a total waste of time. I note that one thing was "accomplished"--namely, to set the executive committee meeting at 6 p.m. in accordance with Don's wishes rather than at 1 p.m. as I had it. This means that those who get there before six will find their time totally wasted. The bylaws state that if a quorum is present a meeting can be held. Also, that an absent member can give his proxy. Postponing this meeting with all of the business at hand is childish and irresponsible. Or is it the purpose to make time so short that no mention will be made of the matter of the ownership of the newsletter? One reason I have decided not to come is that I resent having to twiddle my thumbs for five hours.

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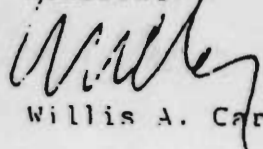
In my view, the present problem has been caused by Don's rejection of former liberal senator Gene McCarthy, whom I had scheduled to come for nothing. With him and Paul Gann we would have had a combination that would have caused the media's eyes to bug out. It would have been a real coup. And who can possibly fault us for building a bridge to the head of another party which is trying, like us, to get on state ballots. This is a very real issue, and one that Jim Yarbrough has been in constant communication with liberal and leftist parties about. Yet, Don was horrified at this idea. If we had gone with the program I had lined up--Gann, McCarthy, and Duke--none of this would have happened.

Apparently the only speakers that Don wants are those who are hated by the press. It should be self-evident to anyone that if we have a chance to get some press coverage that is not truly vicious, we should enthusiastically seize it. I am genuinely mystified at Don's unsophisticated position.

I am very sad to see that this second attempt to create a Populist Party appears to be going the same way as the first. My position has always been--and I have repeated this over and over again, particularly to Don, who does not understand it--that our job is to build a party, not to get involved in the same sort of nonsense that has killed every "third" party effort for the past thirty years.

Life is too short for me to put up with deceivers, misleaders and other sorts of yo-yos. This is why I have decided not to serve in any capacity with the party after my term expires with the election of new officers on Sunday.

Sincerely,



Willis A. Carto

P.S. I called Paul Gann this morning to tell him I would not be there. I said that I simply could not make it. I hope that party officers have the sense and decency to treat him as the very important figure he is.

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(SPOTLIGHT, Feb. 18 and 25).

As founding national chairman of the Populist Party back in 1984, I hardly recognize the "party" today.

Wassall has changed the historic party logo, the traditional party color, and he's rewritten the platform and the by-laws. I've even heard he intends to change the name.

Despite this, I hope that all sincere Populists will continue to work to support their local Populist Party affiliates until the mess at the national level can be cleaned up.

ROBERT WEEMS
Founding Chairman
Populist Party

HARD FACTS

I've studied the Populist Party's filings with the Federal Election Commission. These records confirm the charges made against the "Ford City Gang."

For example, in 1990, the gang had \$219,215.94 in their coffers and spent \$192,683.46. Of that, only \$10,023—less than 4.6 percent of the total—was given to Populist Party candidates. And that amount was divided among 23 candidates in

seven states.

Yet, fully \$34,000 was paid in salary to Office Manager Don Wassall whose starting salary (just a few years ago) was only \$24,000. This is a whopping 44.6 percent pay hike, even bigger than the infamous congressional pay steal.

This does not include an additional \$5,749.48 that Wassall received for "petty cash reimbursement," or \$14,000 that was paid to Wassall in 1989 for subscriptions to his then-private owned newsletter, the *Populist Observer*.

An additional \$6,970.35 was given to party Treasurer Phil Chesler. A woman in his employ received \$2,312.99.

Clearly, party building is not one of the Ford City Gang's priorities.

DALLAS NAYLOR
Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania

WARNING

Thanks for the warning about the takeover of the Populist Party's headquarters in Ford City, Pennsylvania, its mailing list and its bank account by attorney Don Wassall and the so-called Ford City Gang

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POPULIST PARTY

NATIONAL COMMITTEE

From: Chairman, Program Committee (W.A. Carto)

To: Program Committee (Jerry Pope, Bill Mahler, Don Wassall,
Tom McIntyre, John Justice)

Date: February 13, 1989

Attached is a draft of the program for this year's national committee meeting. A number of important procedural questions may be decided at the meeting of the executive committee, March 3. Please use the enclosed envelope to send me your suggestions or improvements and I will prepare a semi-final draft.

This meeting is very important because it will be a "precedent" for future meetings. Thus, we will shape the internal structure and procedure a great deal in Chicago.

Our party is fundamentally different from the big parties because we surely cannot twist our policies to suit ambition. Our problem is to raise political victories from a solid platform of principle, obviously far more difficult. Hence, our procedure and organization must be shaped to conform to this.

For example, any platform changes should be in the nature of updates only, such as bringing facts and figures up to date. Thus, we will waste no time on a platform committee. Also, we do not want to waste time with changes in party organization which do not conform to the business of organizing and building the party and are designed only to play musical chairs. Democracy internally is necessary but it must be combined with responsible management; above all we cannot let party decisions be made by votes on petty details. More organizations have been totally wrecked by carrying democracy to extremes of chaos and anarchy than by any other single cause.

We will attract members who are willing to work (the only ones we want) only by displaying purposeful action, leading to progress forward. All of the others, I hope, will speedily drop out when they discover that shearerism is gone and we are not play-acting. The other side of this coin is to advance people only according to their ability. We can actually build a serious party if we do this.

To Those Interested, Facts About the Populist Party . . .

The SPOTLIGHT and its publisher, Liberty Lobby, have received inquiries resulting from a deluge of misinformation emanating from Ford City, Pennsylvania. The following sets the record straight.

By MICHAEL COLLINS PIPER

During the year 1990 an incredible array of strange events began to render the national Populist Party immobile. This was unbeknownst to most party members. Few were aware of the turmoil. Secrets were being kept.

It was not even until late last year that The SPOTLIGHT itself learned of the problems facing the party. This is all the more ironic since—after all—it was The SPOTLIGHT and its publisher, Liberty Lobby, that brought the Populist Party into being.

Obviously an investigation of party affairs was in order. The SPOTLIGHT took on the heavy burden of bringing forth the hard facts about the controversy to its readers, many of whom are party members.

For exposing (in part) the sad details, The SPOTLIGHT and several founding members of the party (myself in particular) have been subjected to a series of defamatory smears mailed to party members at party expense by a self-promoter who is using party resources for his own ends.

These lies are the sorry work of the enigmatic Donald B. Wassall who started out simply as the manager of the party's national office.

Today, just four years later, Wassall is the undisputed master of what remains of the national office of the Populist Party. Not only is he national chairman, but he is also the well-paid director of the party's headquarters and editor of its newsletter. He controls the party's day-to-day affairs, its official organ, its post office box, its bank account, its credit card, its vehicle and its valuable mailing list.

Although Wassall started out at a salary of \$19,500 (quite generous considering the party's precarious financial condition), he demanded repeated pay hikes so often that within several years his salary swelled to \$34,000, its current level. This is a whopping 74 percent pay hike, even bigger than the infamous 35 percent congressional pay steal of 1989.

Additionally—and, again, unknown to most party members—Wassall was also profiting personally through his private ownership of the *Populist Observer* newsletter (which most people thought—wrongly—was owned by the party).

Wassall adamantly refused to turn ownership of the newsletter over to the party. He only did so under heavy pressure in 1990 after having made untold thousands of dollars in personal profit at the party's expense.

While party members thought their subscriptions to the newsletter were helping fund the party, the money was, in fact, going to Wassall only. In 1988 and 1989 Wassall received a total of \$23,518—money that, rightly, should have been channeled into the party's coffers. (His 1987 profits remain a mystery.)

In fact, Wassall secretly arranged to have the party's campaign account pay for his own monthly rental contract on the computer which he (Wassall) used to produce his privately owned newsletter.

The nature of Wassall's private profiteering becomes evident when one considers the revelations that appear in Wassall's own filings with the Federal Election Commission.

For example, in the year 1990 Wassall controlled \$219,215.94 in the party coffers. He spent \$192,683.46 of that amount. Wassall gave only a piddling \$10,023—less than 4.6 percent of the total—to Populist Party candidates, forcing 23 people running in 7 states to divide the sum among themselves.

Marvin Seat, the towering Kentucky Populist who ran for Congress in 1990, is convinced that he could have won his campaign if Wassall had provided him much-needed last-minute support.

When Seat (who spent much of his own money on the effort) ran short of funds, he appealed to Wassall. Determined to keep as much of the money as he could, Wassall turned down Seat and even refused to accept the candidate's phone calls.

Further, according to Jim Yarbrough, the party's former national ballot access director, Wassall also refused to provide funding for the party in Alaska where the party was within striking distance of getting on the ballot.

Wassall and party treasurer Phil Chesler, his close collaborator, said that Alaska was "not important." In fact, however, a third party candidate was elected governor of the largest state in 1990, helping Wassall and Chesler's political ignorance.

Chesler's intransigence here is interesting in that during this same year Chesler paid himself \$6,970.35 to handle the party's records and an additional \$2,312.99 to a woman in his employ. (All previous party treasurers served without compensation.)

Yarbrough notes further that during the period of April through October, 1990 (during which time Wassall's primary interest was intra-party intrigue), the Populist Party could have been seeking 1992 ballot status in fully seventeen other states: Alabama, Arizona, Delaware, Hawaii, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah and Vermont.

Not a single penny of party money was appropriated by Wassall for this purpose.

Clearly, the explosive nature of these financial improprieties is a matter that Wassall is determined to keep under wraps. He prefers instead to make malicious personal attacks on those who have questioned his stewardship.

To protect his pocketbook, Wassall has begun to engage in an expensive direct mail campaign casting aspersions on his critics.

Ironically, it was not until very recently that Wassall, hardly known outside the Populist Party of Pennsylvania, rose to sudden prominence in the national movement.

In 1987, when the party was being re-energized, it was this writer, a veteran SPOTLIGHT correspondent, who nominated Wassall for the post of office manager of the party's soon-to-be-established new national headquarters.

Having served as the founding director of the party's national office in the Liberty Lobby headquarters in 1984, I believed—at that time—that Wassall, an effective state leader, was a good choice for this important position.

Wassall was not only interested in the opportunity, but available. (He was then working as an apprentice in a small law office.)

Concurring with my assessment, the founding executive committee of the party gave Wassall the job. Thus, Wassall was installed in what was then the Pittsburgh office of the newly reinvigorated party.

All but one of those founding members have since quit the party in disgust at Wassall's subsequent destructive antics.

I also gave Wassall's state newsletter a boost suggesting that it be designated the party's national newsletter. Not knowing that Wassall intended to exploit the party journal for his personal enrichment.

In fact, it was I who prepared the party's first fund-raising endeavor including a special memo sent to SPOTLIGHT subscribers urging them to subscribe to Wassall's newsletter.

Although the fund-raising effort cost the party thousands of dollars to print and mail, Wassall never—repeat never—reimbursed the party for 50 percent of the cost as he rightfully should have. Wassall received—for free—valuable advertising from which he reaped thousands of dollars in personal profit.

Wassall's debt remains outstanding, and—in violation of the law—has never been reported to the Federal Election Commission.

At the time Wassall was named office manager, Tom McIntyre of Pittsburgh—who had already run for Congress on the Populist Party ticket—was elected national chairman.

During his nearly four years as a Populist Party member, McIntyre sought office on the Populist Party ticket two subsequent occasions and spoke at numerous party gatherings from coast to coast. This despite the fact that McIntyre held down a full-time job responsible for a crew of fifty men working under him.

McIntyre soon discovered though that Wassall was determined to keep the party's affairs strictly under his exclusive control. Wassall deliberately kept McIntyre in the dark about party affairs—including, particularly, financial matters.

McIntyre and many other party members were also irked—and rightly so—that Wassall was often hard to reach and that the party's headquarters were often empty, even though Wassall was being paid to work full time. Rumors abounded that Wassall was practicing law while on the party payroll.

Compounding the damage, Wassall moved the party headquarters away from McIntyre's home city of Pittsburgh and relocated the office in rural Ford City, Pennsylvania, further isolating McIntyre from the party's day-to-day business.

Wassall claimed that he wanted to utilize volunteer support from Populist Party members in that community which is the home base of one of the best organized local party affiliates in the nation.

However, according to Ford City party leaders Don Erdley and Samuel Cross (who both ran for office on the Populist Party ticket), Wassall totally ignored the local party, never attended its meetings, and prohibited party members from using the office facilities.

And instead of having volunteers come in to assist him, Wassall used the want ads to hire local women (who were not party supporters) to work for him.

Ultimately, like several other respected party leaders, McIntyre decided it was more appropriate to resign his post rather than to continue haggling with Wassall.

"Suffice it to say, I resigned because his insolence toward me became intolerable," McIntyre told The SPOTLIGHT. It is McIntyre's candid personal opinion that the lawyer Wassall held him in contempt because he, McIntyre, is a blue-collar worker.

"Contrary to what Wassall has claimed to be my position," said McIntyre, "I hope the Populist Party will succeed and elect candidates throughout the county—that has always been my desire—but I have great doubts about that due to the non-leadership that the party has under Don Wassall."

Wassall has now leveled a series of incredibly malicious personal attacks on McIntyre, one of the most well-liked party leaders in the country, the popular Jim Yarbrough notwithstanding. This despite the fact that Wassall formerly had nothing but the highest praise for McIntyre in the pages of his newsletter. "Either Don was lying about me then," comments McIntyre with a laugh, "or he's lying now."

McIntyre's feelings are shared by most of other well-known party leaders who, because of their personal experience, found it prudent to resign. They include:

- Populist Party founder Willis A. Carto;
- Former national chairman A.J. Barker of North Carolina;
- Former national secretary Bill Mahler of Michigan;
- Former national ballot access director Jim Yarbrough of Georgia;
- Former national secretary Jerry Pope of Kentucky.

McIntyre has additionally revealed that Wassall prior to assuming complete control of the party conspired to oust three other current members of the executive committee: Van Loman of Ohio; Don Black of Florida and John Justice of Ohio. Before resigning his own post, McIntyre managed to scuttle Wassall's plot against the three others. Loman, ironically, has since emerged as a paid spokesman for Wassall.

The resignation of the party founder gave Wassall a "green light" to do as he pleased, running the organization as his own private, money-making direct mail enterprise which cannot, by any stretch of the truth, be considered a legitimate political "party" as constituted under Wassall's control.

Now there was little, if any, real oversight of Wassall's day to day activities—including, most importantly, counting the hundreds of thousands of dollars that poured into the party's post office box—much of it in cash.

Since assuming control of the party at the national level, Wassall has aggravated his outrageous activities by further actions solely of his own doing which have had a tremendously demoralizing impact on party members across the country:

- Wassall has flouted the party's by-laws scheduling two consecutive national committee meetings on dates not sanctioned in the by-laws, including the upcoming fest slated in the Los Angeles area.

In fact Wassall has now scrapped the original by-laws and replaced them with new (and illegal) by-laws which even include—and this is absolutely true—a bizarre provision to put party members on trial if they are accused of "dissident" activity.

- Wassall has also scrapped the party's carefully crafted platform and replaced it with a concoction of his own that has already come under criticism. Activists in the health freedom arena, for example—an important part of the populist movement—note that Wassall has dropped the party's stand in favor of health freedom.

• Wassall has scrapped the historic and unique (and very noticeable) original party logo, substituting an aesthetically unbalanced abortion reminiscent of those used by a numerous assortment of now-defunct and never operative conservative "third" parties over the years.

(This action makes unusable thousands of dollars' worth of drinking mugs, banners, pins, letterhead, and other materials produced by party members over the last seven years and which have given the party much recognition.)

• Wassall has also scrapped the party's distinctive "populist green" color used on party publications. The same green is used by the fast-growing French National Front led by the dynamic Jean-Marie Le Pen. Wassall now uses the traditional red-white-and-blue used by all the Establishment political parties.

• Wassall—evidently convinced that party members are stupid—has told the patently ridiculous lie that not only did The SPOTLIGHT have nothing to do with the establishment of the Populist Party, but that now The SPOTLIGHT is trying to destroy the Populist Party.

These actions alone, aside from Wassall's financial wheeling and dealing, cast clear doubt on his basic political judgment.

The young lawyer is determined to remake the party over in his own image without regard for the decision-making powers of the party's national committee as a whole. He expects the committee to ratify his decisions after the fact.

According to the Populist Party's founding chairman, Robert H. Weems, "It is unlikely that Wassall will lose his bid for reelection as national chairman inasmuch as he (Wassall) is in total command of the party's governing process."

"Nonetheless it is important that the party's membership be apprised by The SPOTLIGHT of the truth about Wassall."

In the meantime The SPOTLIGHT continues to support the star Populist Party organizations in the hope that ultimately, the party can be re-invigorated under trustworthy national leaders.

THE SPOTLIGHT ON PEOPLE



JIM YARBROUGH



MICHAEL COLLINS PIPER



DON WASSALL

"WASSALLGATE"?—The *Salt Lake City Tribune* reported on April 5 that the Salt Lake County district attorney is conducting a criminal investigation of the Ford City, Pennsylvania-based Populist Party, which is controlled by Donald B. Wassall (above, right). A criminal indictment is expected. A county attorney was quoted as saying that "There is clear evidence of a crime committed." According to the *Tribune*, Wassall's handpicked protege, a paid petition circulator, was "caught in what election officials say is a poorly executed scam involving the alleged forgeries of hundreds of signatures of registered voters" in Utah. Van Loman (far right, above), of the party's executive committee, told The SPOTLIGHT he had cautioned Wassall against hiring the inexperienced petition circulator as national coordinator, a post previously held by veteran ballot access specialist Jim Yarbrough of Georgia (above, left) whom Wassall had expelled from the party. Scurrying to prove that he was actually engaged in ballot access efforts rather than running a money-raising scam, Wassall brought his protege aboard, only to be enmeshed in the scandal. In the wake of the revelations, two of the party's founders, Michael Collins Piper (above, center) and former National Chairman Tom McIntyre (far right, below), announced they will ask for Wassall's resignation at the party's meeting in Los Angeles.

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Why Did Wassall Agree to Talk With Known ADL Agent McCalden?

Birds of a feather do flock together. Ford City direct mail fund-raiser Don Wassall once admitted to The SPOTLIGHT that he had been in contact with the notorious ADL hatchet man, David McCalden, who published a newsletter which was heavily laced with malicious attacks on The SPOTLIGHT and its staff.

Although Wassall had been warned to avoid McCalden, he eagerly spent nearly an hour trading private information with the ADL man (who has since died). Wassall parrots McCalden's ADL smears in his own publication.

(Reprinted From The SPOTLIGHT, May 6, 1991)

EXHIBIT "C"

POPULIST PARTY OF AMERICA
Ford City, Pa.
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
For the Calendar Year 1988

Receipts:

Dues	\$ 21,285.00	
Donations	76,785.30	
Subscriptions	9,678.00	
Transfer from McIntyre Committee for Council	500.00	
Interest Income	239.54	
Gross Receipts		\$108,487.84

Disbursements:

Ballot Access Work	19,254.33	
Computer lease Expense	1,769.44	
Office Supplies	6,857.71	
Salaries	28,372.75	
Utilities	846.98	
Campaign Buttons	317.68	
Professional Fees	340.00	
Rent Expense	4,209.00	
Meeting Expense	359.93	
Repairs and Maintenance	840.22	
Travel Expense	148.00	
Populist Observer	9,678.00	
Advertising	80.27	
Deposits	210.00	
Telephone	4,793.43	
Campaign Contribution	200.00	
Populist Party Flags	110.00	
Office Insurance	341.00	
Bank Charges	196.53	
Office Furniture (Desk and Chair)	412.29	
Postage	11,752.49	
Printing	17,200.67	
Payroll Taxes	1,566.04	
Total Disbursements		109,856.76
Excess of Disbursements over Receipts		<u>\$ (1,368.92)</u>

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The Populist Party of America
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
For the Year Ended December 31, 1989

Revenue:

Dues	\$37,125.00
Subscriptions	14,500.00
Donations, Pledges and Literature Sales	80,600.37
Interest Income	1,053.86
Gross Revenue	<u>133,279.23</u>

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Expenditures:

Ballot Access Work	801.00
Campaign Funds	701.00
Consulting Fees	1,848.69
Computer Lease	1,800.00
Dues and Subscriptions	255.00
Insurance	859.30
Meeting Expense	4,945.20
Merchandise for Resale	3,109.30
Office Expense	8,170.71
Payroll Taxes	2,941.32
Postage	6,484.78
Printing Expense	12,350.90
Professional Fees	250.00
Populist Observer	13,840.00
Registration Refunds	45.00
Rent Expense	5,144.00
Repairs and Maintenance	864.96
Salaries	36,999.75
Telephone	10,142.16
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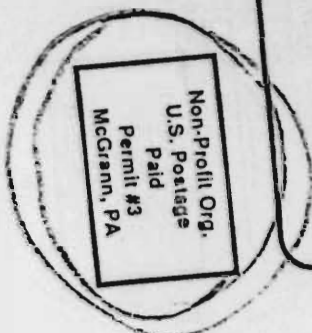
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

April 10, 1992

Michael Piper
300 Independence Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20003

RE: MUR 3501

Dear Mr. Piper:

This letter acknowledges receipt on April 6, 1992, of your complaint alleging possible violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), by the Populist Party of America and Phillip G. Chesler, as treasurer, the Populist Observer, Populist Party of America-National Committee-"Bo" Gritz for President, Donald B. Wassall, Tom Parker, Robert Blumetti, Billy Chandler, Russell Hunt, John Justice, Vic Sestokas and Jeff Wilkerson. The respondents will be notified of this complaint within five days.

You will be notified as soon as the Federal Election Commission takes final action on your complaint. Should you receive any additional information in this matter, please forward it to the Office of the General Counsel. Such information must be sworn to in the same manner as the original complaint. We have numbered this matter MUR 3501. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence. For your information, we have attached a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Bernstein
Assistant General Counsel

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

April 10, 1992

Donald B. Wassall
314-B Ford City Road
Freeport, PA 16229

RE: MUR 3501

Dear Mr. Wassall:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which alleges that you may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 3501. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

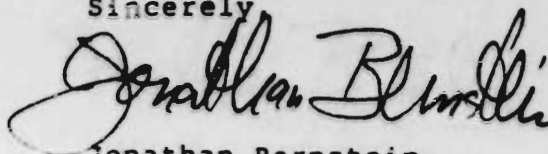
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Sincerely,



Jonathan Bernstein
Assistant General Counsel

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

April 10, 1992

Phillip G. Chesler, Treasurer
Populist Party of America-National Committee
"Bo" Gritz for President
P.O. Box 1992
Ford City, PA 16226

RE: MUR 3501

Dear Mr. Chesler:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which alleges that the Populist Party of America-National Committee-"Bo" Gritz for President ("Committee") and you, as treasurer, may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 3501. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

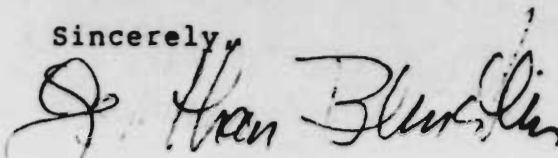
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Sincerely,

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Jonathan Bernstein
Assistant General Counsel

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

April 10, 1992

Donald B. Wassal
The Populist Observer
1703 Fifth Avenue
Ford City, PA 16229

RE: MUR 3501

Dear Mr. Wassal:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which alleges that the Populist Observer may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 3501. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

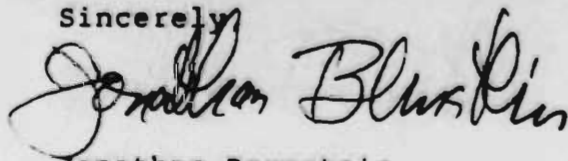
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Jonathan Bernstein
Assistant General Counsel

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

April 10, 1992

Donald B. Wassall, National Chairman
Populist Party of America
314-B Ford City Road
Freeport, PA 16229

RE: MUR 3501

Dear Mr. Wassall:

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Sincerely,



Jonathan Bernstein
Assistant General Counsel

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

April 10, 1992

Tom Parker, National Vice Chairman
Populist Party of America
Box 628
Ore City, Texas 75683

RE: MUR 3501

Dear Mr. Parker:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which alleges that you and the Populist Party of America may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 3501. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

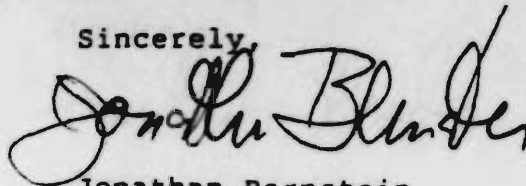
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Sincerely,



Jonathan Bernstein
Assistant General Counsel

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

April 10, 1992

Robert Blumetti, National Secretary
Populist Party of America
790 Tuckahoe Road #3-L
Yonkers, NY 10710

RE: MUR 3501

Dear Mr. Blumetti:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which alleges that you and the Populist Party of America may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 3501. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

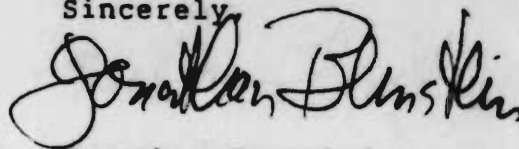
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Sincerely,



Jonathan Bernstein
Assistant General Counsel

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON D.C. 20463

April 10, 1992

Billy Chandler, National Parliamentarian
Populist Party of America
4556 East Vista Drive
Cottonwood, AZ 86326

RE: MUR 3501

Dear Mr. Chandler:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which alleges that you and the Populist Party of America may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 3501. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

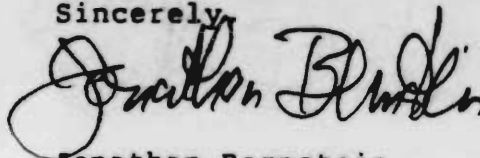
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Sincerely,



Jonathan Bernstein
Assistant General Counsel

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

April 10, 1992

Russell Hunt, Executive Committee Member
Populist Party of America
1050 San Pablo Circle
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

RE: MUR 3501

Dear Mr. Hunt:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which alleges that you and the Populist Party of America may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 3501. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

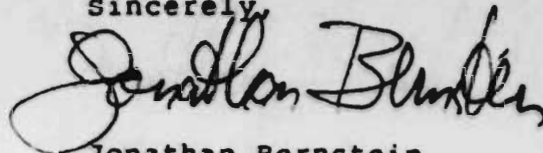
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Sincerely,



Jonathan Bernstein
Assistant General Counsel

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

April 10, 1992

John Justice, Executive Committee Member
Populist Party of America
1699 South 55th Avenue
Cicero, IL 60650

RE: MUR 3501

Dear Mr. Justice:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which alleges that you and the Populist Party of America may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 3501. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

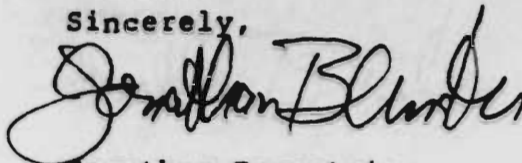
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Sincerely,



Jonathan Bernstein
Assistant General Counsel

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

April 10, 1992

Vic Sestokas, Executive Committee Member
Populist Party of America
1494 Valley Road
Rahway, NJ 07065

RE: MUR 3501

Dear Mr. Sestokas:

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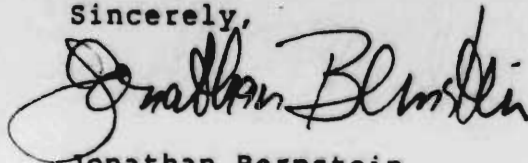
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

April 10, 1992

Jeff Wilkerson, National Ballot Coordinator
Populist Party of America
P.O. Box 6771
Lake Worth, FL 33466

RE: MUR 3501

Dear Mr. Wilkerson:

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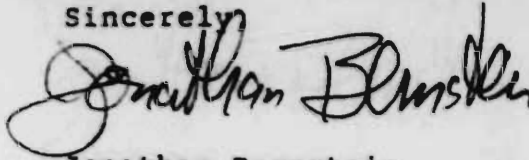
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Sincerely,



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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

April 10, 1992

The Populist Party of America
1703 Fifth Avenue
Ford City, PA 16226

RE: MUR 3501

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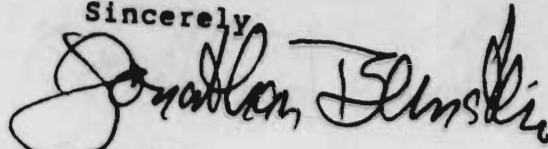
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Sincerely



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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

April 10, 1992

Phillip G. Chesler, Treasurer
Populist Party of America
Box 321
Willow Springs, MO 65793

RE: MUR 3501

Dear Mr. Chesler:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which alleges that the Populist Party of America and you, as treasurer, may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 3501. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

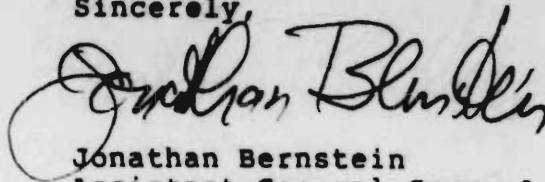
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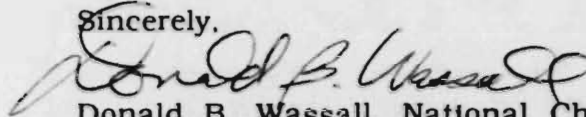
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4/20/92

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find my answer to MUR 3501, filed by Michael Piper. As National Chairman of the Populist Party of America and Editor of *The Populist Observer*, both named as defendants in this action in addition to myself, let this serve as an endorsement of my answer by both the Populist Party of America and *The Populist Observer* and thereby serve as the response in this matter for these two entities.

Sincerely,



Donald B. Wassall, National Chairman,
Populist Party of America; Editor, *The Populist Observer*

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Re: MUR 3501

From: Donald B. Wassall, National Chairman, Populist Party of America;
Editor, *The Populist Observer*

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is my response to a complaint filed with the FEC by Michael Piper (MUR 3501) against Donald B. Wassall, Tom Parker, Robert Blumetti, Phillip Chesler, Billy Chandler, Russell Hunt, John Justice, Vic Sestokas, Jeff Wilkerson, the Populist Party of America and *The Populist Observer* newspaper, alleging violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act").

Before responding to the specifics of Piper's complaint, I would like for you and the FEC Board to understand some background on this matter. Piper is an employee of Liberty Lobby, Inc., and the newspaper it publishes, *The Spotlight*. Piper and his boss, Willis Allison Carto, the "Treasurer" of Liberty Lobby, were for several years members of the Executive Committee of the Populist Party of America. They left the Populist Party of America of their own volition in March of 1989, infuriated that they were unable to impose their will on the other members of the Executive Committee.

Although Piper and Carto had substantial decision-making powers in a previous Populist Party registered with the FEC, the Populist Party of the United States, they found themselves unable to assume the same posture in the Populist Party of America. In my opinion, this is one of the major reasons the Populist Party of America has not been found by the FEC to have violated any provisions of the Act in the five years we have been registered and filing with the Commission. Although we are as capable of making mistakes as anyone else, and though the Populist Party believes that the United States is being suffocated by unnecessary bureaucracies and regulations, we have always followed a policy of being as sure as possible that all filing deadlines with the FEC were met, as well as all other requirements of the Act.

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I believe that it is also important to understand that the Populist Party of America and I, as co-plaintiffs, filed a libel suit against Piper, Carto, Liberty Lobby, Cordite Fidelity, *The Spotlight*, Vince Ryan and John Tiffany, defendants, said suit having been filed in federal court in Western Pennsylvania in September of 1991. This was the first time I as an individual or the Populist Party itself have ever filed suit or been personally involved in litigation. The suit was filed only after libelous material was printed in the pages of *The Spotlight*, a weekly newspaper, almost every issue for some eight months, attacking myself and the integrity of the Populist Party. Much of that libelous material was in fact written by Mr. Piper.

Of the 38 pages of exhibits attached to Piper's complaint, fully 28 pages are a copy of a booklet Piper has dubbed "Wassallgate," consisting of much of the same allegations and fairy tales that caused us to file suit against Piper and the other defendants named above.

It should also be noted that Piper previously boasted of filing a complaint against me with the FEC in March of 1991. This claim was made in the pages of the 3/25/91 edition of the *Spotlight* newspaper (Exhibit A). Piper claimed, on pages 12 and 13, that he "has filed a formal complaint with the political corruption division of the Federal Election Commission (FEC) asking the FEC to investigate Wassall."

The article goes on to state: "A political correspondent for *The Spotlight* for nearly ten years, Piper charged in his sworn statement that Wassall has mishandled party money. Piper also asked the FEC to look into Wassall's relationship with California lawyer William K. Shearer." (emphasis added)

A cursory review that will reveal that Piper did not file such a complaint with the FEC. That false assertion (which was very damaging to both the Populist Party of America and my reputation), is likewise one of the issues in our libel suit against Piper and the other defendants in that action.

It is my contention that this complaint filed by Piper is the latest in a seemingly endless series of maneuvers by Piper, Carto, and several other individuals and entities, to harass and ultimately destroy, the Populist Party of America, and to damage, and if possible ruin, the reputations of the individuals named in MUR 3501, because Carto and Piper were unable to dictate to the Populist Party of America's leaders.

It should also be added that my inquiries have shown that the FEC does not have a "political corruption division" (in fact, to triplecheck, I again called the FEC just today and was informed by Greg Stock that such does not exist). The insistence of Piper in using that moniker, both in the article reprinted herein as Exhibit A, as well as MUR 3501, was undoubtedly done to deliberately cause maximum damage to the defendants named in his complaint.

Because of the situation described above, I wish to respond to not only the alleged violations of the Act specifically mentioned by Piper, but also to the many other inaccuracies mentioned in his complaint. It appears to me that

the many legally irrelevant charges made by Piper (such as the assertion that we have "dealings" with Bill and Nancy Shearer) are mentioned and written in such a way as to indicate that they were included --- along with all other allegations in his complaint --- only to titillate and mislead the readers of *The Spotlight* in an upcoming issue of that paper, and to hide their own shortcomings in following the rules promulgated by the FEC. Thus, it is important that although Piper's complaint is riddled with inaccuracies, his many false charges and inaccurate statements need to be answered on the record.

I will answer Piper's complaint in the same order in which it was written. Portions quoted from his complaint are in italics; my response follows immediately thereafter:

In accordance with the wishes of perhaps thousands of members of the Populist Party of America and similar numbers of concerned citizens across the country, I am filing this formal complaint with the Federal Election Commission. . .

As the daily administrator of the affairs of the Populist Party of America on the national level, I do not recall ever receiving a letter or phone call from a single member requesting that the Party be audited. Similarly, never has such a request been suggested at our annual National Committee meeting, with the exception of the 1989 National Committee meeting, when a delegate from New Mexico asked that a private firm audit the Party yearly. That resolution was unanimously defeated. Piper has filed no evidence that any member of the Populist Party or anyone else (other than himself) wishes to see the FEC audit the Party.

The violations in question all relate directly to the administration of the financial and political affairs of the Populist Party of America during the years 1986 through the present.

The Populist Party of America did not exist until 1987, when it was registered with the FEC on March 7 of that year. (Exhibit B)

The FEC should note, however, that in its own records there appear to be at least two and perhaps even three different identification numbers assigned to the Ford City, Pennsylvania based fundraising operation. I have determined that the Ford City entity known as the Populist Party of America also operates under COO 253948 and has done fundraising under the name "Populist Party of America National Committee -- Bo Gritz for President" --- although this, perhaps, without authorization.

As mentioned above, the Populist Party of America National Committee has been registered with the FEC since 3/7/87 (Exhibit B); the other committee

mentioned, the Populist Party of America National Committee -- Bo Gritz for President Committee, was duly registered with the FEC and given the ID# C00 253948. Piper is quite aware of our Bo Gritz for President campaign as he has mentioned it on several occasions in the pages of *The Spotlight*. To say this is without authorization is refuted by Exhibit C, Bo Gritz's Statement of Candidacy, which is on public record with the FEC.

The FEC has not yet conducted an audit of the Populist Party of America despite the fact that this entity has been registered with the FEC since at least mid-1986. . . . The FEC should note that the Populist Party. . . on average has raised approximately \$200,000 each year over the past several years and spent approximately that same sum. Yet, there is no public record of any FEC investigation into these matters, despite the large sums involved.

Again, the Populist Party of America has been registered with the FEC since March 7, 1987, not "mid-1986." We have only raised as much as \$200,000 in one year, 1990, when we raised \$219,000. In our other years of existence we raised \$71,989 in 1987; \$120,888 in 1988; \$144,310 in 1989; and \$155,261 in 1991. It is surprising that Piper would call these "large sums," since they are but a tiny fraction of what is raised each year by the Democratic and Republican national committees, and approximately one-fiftieth (1/50) what Piper's employer, Liberty Lobby, raises each year, without having to file reports with any regulatory body similar to the accounting political parties must give the FEC.

The FEC will be interested in knowing that the above named defendant, Donald B. Wassall, has publicly declared that the FEC does, in fact, audit the books and records of his Populist Party of America organization.

What I have stated is that the FEC does indeed closely inspect the periodic reports we file with it for accounting mistakes and violations of federal election law. We have on several occasions received correspondence from individuals in the FEC's Reports Analysis Division, asking for clarifications and/or amendments to reports we have filed, thus showing that the FEC does closely inspect our filings. Exhibit D is the latest example of such correspondence, from Reports Analyst Edward D. Ryan.

Mr. Wassall has also publicly decried the fact that the FEC has "refused" to acknowledge his fundraising organization's status as a political "party," designating it, instead, a "political committee."

What I have "decried" is that the FEC, in advisory opinion AOR 1988-45, ruled that "the Populist Party of America National Committee does not qualify as a national committee of a political party," and was thus designated a

"political committee" for FEC purposes rather than a national committee (Exhibit E).

It is obvious that Piper is trying to make the Populist Party appear to be less than a political party by twisting the situation to say that the FEC has ruled that we are a political committee rather than a political party. He knows better. See Exhibit F, a "confidential/for your eyes only" memorandum to Don Wassall, Tom McIntyre and Willis Carto, written by Michael Piper, the author of the present complaint, on March 1, 1988. Only the first page is reproduced for Exhibit F. See paragraph four, wherein Piper writes: "The Populist Party, before moving any further, must ask the FEC for a declaration that it is indeed a 'national party committee.' This can be done by requesting an advisory opinion, and will save us many problems in the future." Because he personally was involved in the same situation with the Populist Party of the United States in 1984-85, Piper is well aware that the FEC subsequently ruled that we are a political committee of a political party, rather than being ruled not a party at all.

Additionally, inasmuch as Mr. Wassall and the Populist Party are believed to have had political and perhaps financial dealings with Mr. William K. Shearer and Miss Nancy Shearer. . . the FEC might also be interested in pursuing any connections here further as part of its inquiry. . .

I have never had any dealings with Mr. Shearer or Miss Shearer, nor has the Populist Party of America. Again, there is no proof offered, and it would seem that this false assertion was made not for anything relating to the Act, but to cover up Piper's own extensive involvement with those two individuals, as they were prominent members of the Populist Party of the United States in 1984-85.

It should be noted by the FEC, additionally, that Mr. Wassall and the Populist Party of America and its officers have been publicly exposed as having been connected with the illegal forging of signatures on petition signatures in the state of Utah. . . Please note that although Mr. Wassall is quoted in the article as [sic] having "fired" the guilty party (Mr. Harry Bertram) and that Wassall said, "It was the first time he ever worked for us and that will be the last time," the fact is that Mr. Wassall has publicized, since that date [4/5/91], Mr. Bertram's active involvement in the Populist Party as its West Virginia organizer.

Mr. Bertram was never formally charged nor convicted of forgery. When a question arose as to the legitimacy of the signatures he was collecting on behalf of the Populist Party in Utah, Mr. Bertram was indeed fired on the spot as a paid employee of the Populist Party of America. He is organizing for us on a voluntary basis in West Virginia at this time. However, he will not be hired now or in the future for paid petition work, as I did state in the article in the Salt Lake City newspaper to which Piper refers.

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Attached, additionally, is a document entitled *Wassallgate* summarizing many of the questions and controversies surrounding the Populist Party of America and the administration of its affairs.

As mentioned above, said "Wassallgate" is currently among the many publications for which Piper and six other defendants are being sued for libel. In addition, the "Wassallgate" booklet is merely a collection of (false) charges and bizarre ramblings and are not relevant to the FEC and the Act. (Example: Piper writes in "Wassallgate" that he was "too busy to worry about Wassall" because of the death of his cat.)

There is an apparent violation of 2 U.S.C. 432(a) (3) which holds that "All funds of a political committee shall be segregated from, and may not be commingled with, any personal funds of officers, members or associates of that committee, or with the personal funds of any other individual." It appears as though private, personal funds raised by Donald Wassall through the egis of the Populist Observer newsletter have been regularly co-mingled with those of the Populist Party of America.

Although Mr. Wassall privately owned the Populist Observer newsletter from its inception through mid-1990, there was a period of at least four years (1986-90) in which Populist Party funds and those of the Populist Observer were apparently regularly commingled by Mr. Wassall, specifically, and Mr. Phil Chesler, treasurer of the Populist Party of America. . .

None of my personal funds were ever commingled with those of the Populist Party of America National Committee. I was the publisher/owner of *The Populist Observer* from the time it was voted the Populist Party's official newsletter in 1987 (with Mr. Piper making the resolution that it be so designated -- see Exhibit G) until ownership was turned over to the Populist Party of America in July of 1989.

During this time period, individuals were offered two levels of membership in the Populist Party --- \$15 for yearly membership dues, \$30 for yearly dues plus a one-year subscription to *The Populist Observer*. It was clearly understood that \$15 of the \$30 would go to a *Populist Observer* subscription. We would keep track of the number of subscriptions, and Treasurer Phil Chesler would periodically send a check made out to *The Populist Observer* for the amount of subscriptions that had been ordered. Those checks would then be deposited by me in the bank account I kept for *The Populist Observer*. Mr. Chesler would issue a yearly 1099 to *The Populist Observer* for the total amount paid to *The Populist Observer* each calendar year.

All other functions --- postage, renewal notices, printing costs, sample copies, etc., were paid for by *The Populist Observer*. The Populist Party's only involvement was as mentioned above.

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FEC filings by Mr. Chesler on behalf of the Populist Party do not make it clear exactly where funds received by the party on behalf of the Populist Observer newsletter were disbursed.

As stated above, those who wanted subscriptions paid for them and the Party periodically reimbursed the *Populist Observer*. These disbursements are shown on the Populist Party's FEC filings during the time period in which I was the owner/publisher of the newsletter. See, as a typical example, Exhibit H, the Populist Party's report covering the period March 6, 1987 through June 30, 1987. On the third page of itemized disbursements is listed a disbursement to *The Populist Observer* in the amount of \$6,600, which, as stated in the report, covers "440 member subscriptions."

The defendants may also be in violation of 11 CFR 9034.8 (c)(1) which refers to matters of joint fundraising. There may also be a violation of 11 CFR 102.17, which refers to the same area.

Although the Populist Party and the Populist Observer were, as noted previously, separate entities for a period of at least four years, the Populist Observer was mailed out of the McGrann, Pennsylvania post office on a permit for a non-profit organization. The Populist Observer was a vehicle for joint fundraising for Mr. Wassall's private entity (the Populist Observer itself) and the Populist Party of America. Yet, to the best of anyone's knowledge, there was never any form of agreement for disbursement of funds and there also appears to be an abuse of the U.S. Postal Service mailing permits. Evidence of the apparently illegal use of the Postal Service mailing permit is attached Exhibit D.

The form of agreement of disbursement of funds was detailed above and was known quite well by Piper, as he was an ex-officio member of the Populist Party Executive Committee during most of the time period in question.

The mailing permit used by the *Populist Observer* was first that of the Pennsylvania Populist Party (from 1986-1987, when it was the newsletter of the Pennsylvania affiliate only), and then that of the Populist Party of America, from 1987 until now. Both entities had obtained valid third class, non-profit bulk rate mailing permits from the Post Office, and both entities mailed the *Populist Observer* using their non-profit permits because the *Populist Observer* was the official publication of both of these non-profit entities. The actual postage was paid by *The Populist Observer* (Exhibit I). I checked with the post office about this situation before obtaining the mailing permit and was told it was completely within post office rules.

11 CFR 9034.8 (c)(1) does not apply to this situation as *The Populist Observer*, during the time I published it, never sent a fundraising letter to its subscribers or to Populist Party members, asking for funds, nor in any other way engaged in fundraising activities. Likewise, 11 CFR 102.17 also does not apply. In addition, both sections deal with fundraising activities by political committees, presidential candidates, etc., and are not pertinent

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here, nor does Mr. Piper make any attempt to provide evidence that would show any violations of the type of which he charges.

There is also some question as to whether or not Mr. Wassall, Mr. Chesler, and the other defendants may be in violation of FEC regulations relating to the disbursement of petty cash funds to Mr. Wassall. According to 2 USC 432 (h)(2) "A political committee may maintain a petty cash fund out of which it may make expenditures not in excess of \$100 to any person per purchase or transaction."

A review of regular filings by the Populist Party of America with the FEC by any FEC auditor will find that during the past several years particularly during the year 1990 there was an average of \$500 or more per month paid in "petty cash reimbursement" to Donald Wassall by the Populist Party of America. This, evidently, is in fact a violation of the above-noted FEC regulation.

The nature of these payments should be audited, particularly in reference to the full nature of Mr. Wassall's federal income tax returns regarding the yearly "petty cash reimbursements" received from the Populist Party of America.

The periodic checks issued by Treasurer Phil Chesler for petty cash are made out to "Don Wassall/Petty Cash" so that I can get them cashed at the bank where I have my personal account. Many banks will not cash a check made out simply to "petty cash."

All petty cash transactions are recorded by me (Exhibit J gives several examples). In fact, every single petty cash transaction made since the Party was founded five years ago has been recorded. In addition, all petty cash receipts are kept and periodically sent to Treasurer Chesler. Whatever the receipts total (usually in the \$500 range), he reimburses the petty cash fund for.

It should also be noted that I have explained to Piper many times how our petty cash fund works, and on one occasion I showed him a year's worth of receipts. Despite this, he continues to deliberately imply that the petty cash fund of the Populist Party is somehow my personal income, yet another reason we are suing him for libel.

The Populist Party of America, Mr. Wassall and other defendants have failed to provide timely and continuous reporting of debts and obligations as required under 11 CFR 104.11 in at least one instance.

[Piper then goes on to maintain that he "entered into an agreement" with the Populist Party to draft a fundraising letter in return for reimbursement. He then claims that while he didn't want "immediate reimbursement," he "regularly discussed the matter during 1988 with Mr. Wassall and provided

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Mr. Chesler with a written statement of the debt owed me." He then claims that the Populist Party ignored this "debt" until noting it in "the middle of 1990" in reports filed with the FEC.]

This story is wrong on several counts. First of all, there was no "agreement" entered into to reimburse Piper for anything, and of course he offers no proof of one. He did write a fundraising letter for us, in March of 1988, which we thought, as a member of the Party's Executive Committee, he would do gratis, and he certainly never indicated any differently at the time. It was only in late 1988 that he suddenly demanded \$1,500 for writing the letter. As Executive Director of the Party, I routinely wrote the Party's fundraising letters, and if Piper had wanted \$1,500 to write the letter in question, I, with the Executive Committee's approval, would have written the letter myself.

After Piper began demanding \$1,500 in late 1988 and early 1989, we began listing his demand as a disputed debt on the first filing we made with the FEC thereafter --- the report covering the period from January 1, 1989 to June 30, 1989 (Exhibit K), and have listed the debt in each report since. Piper's assertion that it was not reported until "the middle of 1990" is yet another false charge.

In this same matter, it appears that there is an additional violation of FEC regulations, specifically 11 CFR 116.10 regarding the reporting of disputed debts. Although the dispute in question, outlined above, had been ongoing for some time, there was no timely report appearing in the party's filings by Mr. Wassall, Mr. Chesler and the other defendants with the FEC.

See the immediate above answer to refute the false charge that the "debt" was not listed in a timely manner.

The above-named defendants also appear to be in violation of 2 USC 433(h) and/or other FEC regulations relating to the filing of accurate records regarding "connected" or "affiliated" committees. Please note that the defendant Populist Party of America and the separate fundraising operation designated as the Populist Party of America National Committee -- Bo Gritz for President entity are listed by the America First Coalition . . . as a "connected organization or affiliated" committee in their own accurate and legitimate filings with the FEC.

Despite this, the defendants. . . have failed to list the America First Coalition's connected and/or affiliated status with the FEC in their own filings. While the America First Coalition is filing accurately and correctly, the defendants in this proposed MUR are not.

These are, again, false charges made with no attempt to offer proof. The Populist Party National Committee -- Bo Gritz for President was endorsed by presidential candidate Bo Gritz as his principal campaign committee (see

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Exhibit C). All filings by this committee have been proper. See Exhibit L, for example, which, on the last page, entitled "Consolidation Report of Receipts and Disbursements," lists the America First Coalition as a connected committee. This consolidation of reports can be found in every report filed by the Populist Party of America National Committee -- Bo Gritz for President committee. See also Exhibit M, showing documents filed by the America First Coalition showing the Populist Party of America National Committee --- Bo Gritz for President as the primary committee to which America First is connected.

The above-named defendants also appear to be in violation of 2 USC 432(h)(1) which requires timely reporting of the deposit of receipts and disbursements by a political committee. Although FEC regulations require that "all deposits shall be made with 10 days of the treasurer's receipt," it appears as though defendants have, in at least several cases, failed to make immediate deposits.

Attached as Exhibit E are five individual checks. . . made out to the Populist Party of America and The Populist Observer. Note that the deposit date reflected on the reverse side is, in each instance, well beyond the date the check was issued. Although some of the dates are unclear on the reverse side, one in particular is clear. . . I am assured by those responsible for the issuance of these checks that there was a long period between the time that these checks were issued and such time as they were returned by the defendants to the original issuer. These instances appear to be outrageous violations of the law cited above and also deserve inquiry by the FEC.

All the checks referred to by Piper come from the same individual, and Piper admits that only one can be read, as far as when it was cashed. I can not say with certainty what happened with that one check, but I can say with certainty that we always attempt to deposit monies received on a timely basis. All contributions are received at the Populist Party national office in Ford City, Pennsylvania. All donations are duly recorded at the national office, and all other pertinent records updated. The monies are then shipped on a regular basis to Treasurer Phil Chesler in Willow Springs, Missouri, who then deposits them on a timely basis (again, after all pertinent record-keeping is completed). We feel more comfortable having two sets of records, which may result in a slight delay in getting monies to the Treasurer, but we have always attempted to give the best service possible to our members, including depositing their donations on a timely basis.

It is also on point to note that all five alleged "late checks" came from Bob Miles, Treasurer of the Maryland Populist Party, and were apparently authorized by Boyd Godlove, Chairman of the Maryland Populist Party. Godlove has been working with Piper in his various harassments of the Populist Party, and is very hostile to the Populist Party. In fact, Mr. Godlove is a national officer of the "Reform Party of America," a rival political party which was formed in February of this year and is presumably now registered with the FEC. It is quite possible, given the hostility towards the Populist Party from Piper and Godlove, that the check in question where the date of deposit can be read, was written and dated long before it was sent to us.

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The defendants . . . have also engaged in suspicious manipulation of figures relating to the disbursement of expenses and salary paid to Mr. Jim Yarbrough of Georgia. Although in public statements and published reports, the defendants have stated that they paid Mr. Yarbrough as much as \$20,000 and \$30,000 a year in salary alone, I have been informed by Mr. Yarbrough that he has W-2 forms which reflect the following amounts paid to him by the Populist Party in the respective years: 1988 -- \$10,500; 1989 -- \$7,400; and 1990 -- \$2,625. Clearly, public and published statements by the defendants do not reflect the records of our federal authorities and therefore should be investigated further as part of a full and thorough audit by the FEC.

Again, there is no proof offered of our "public statements and published reports" on this matter. In fact, the only time we have written on this issue was in the November 1991 issue of *The Populist Observer*, wherein (on page 20) it was written, in an article criticizing Mr. Yarbrough's use of Party funds: "In fact, in the years 1989 and 1990, over \$20,000.00 in Populist Party funds was expended on ballot access by Carto's protege, Jim Yarbrough of Gainesville, Georgia, without a single state being ballot qualified. . . The \$20,000 figure is purely for expenses such as telephone bills, and does not include actual salary paid to Yarbrough. (emphasis added) This article is attached as Exhibit N.

Never did we publish that Mr. Yarbrough was paid \$20,000 and \$30,000 in salary. Similarly, never have "public statements" been made to that effect. The only time I can remember the matter being discussed publicly was during Treasurer Chesler's report at our 1991 National Committee meeting, when he also criticized Mr. Yarbrough's use of Populist Party funds. Mr. Chesler did not state that Mr. Yarbrough was paid "\$20,000 and \$30,000 a year in salary," and in fact had a packet of documents showing exactly how much Mr. Yarbrough had used in both expenses and how much he had been paid in salary.

Additionally, it should be noted that respective FEC filings by the Populist Party in these years do not, in fact, reflect the same figures as they related to Mr. Yarbrough's income from the Populist Party. That is, what has been reported to the FEC does not jibe with the public statements and published accounts. . . Therefore, the Populist Party is in apparent violation of 11 CFR 104.9 which demands accurate and uniform reporting of all disbursements by a political committee.

Again, there is no proof offered. If we had made "published accounts" of events as Mr. Piper claims, why has he not offered any as exhibits in his complaint?

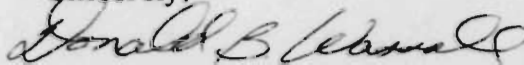
In the above paragraphs numerous apparent violations of the Federal Election Commission's requirements of political committees have been cited. All taken together suggest that the FEC should promptly begin an in-depth inquiry into the activities of the above-named defendants.

The Populist Party of America and the other defendants named in Michael Piper's complaint have at all times tried to conform to the rules and regulations of the Federal Election Commission. Reports have always been filed in a timely manner, and amendments and/or clarifications, when asked for, have also been provided in a timely manner.

It is my opinion that, far from detailing "numerous apparent violations of the Federal Election Commission's requirements," Mr. Piper's complaint is filled with false charges and vague assertions that are not backed up with legally sufficient evidence --- or in most cases not backed up with any evidence at all.

If you would like additional information and documentation, or if I can be of assistance in other ways in this matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Donald B. Wassall, Chairman, Populist Party
of America; Editor, *The Populist Observer*

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EXHIBIT A

February 22, 1991

ed a PAC to Support America First Cand.



DAVID DUKE
... A populist Republican.



PATRICK BUCHANAN
... Another GOP populist.

raised—was given to 23 Populist Party candidates on the ballot in seven states. Michael Collins Piper, another

of the party's founding members, has filed a formal complaint with the political corruption division of the Federal Election Commission



TOM SAWYER
... A populist Democrat.

(FEC) asking the FEC to investigate. A political correspondent for The SPOTLIGHT for nearly ten

years, Piper charged in his sworn statement that Wassall has mis-handled party money. Piper also asked the FEC to look into Wassall's relationship with California lawyer William K. Shearer.

A populist oriented PAC would help alleviate this problem and would do much to advance the electoral aims of the populist movement.

That populists can make effective use of PACs is illustrated by the successes of the highly effective PAC run by the National Rifle Association, which contributes funds to candidates who support the Second Amendment to the Constitution.

The NRA PAC contributed more than \$770,000 to candidates in the 1988 election cycle alone and spent another \$1.5 mil-



MICHAEL COLLINS PIPER
... Opposes FEC to audit Ford City Gang.

lion in independent expenditures supporting—and opposing—a wide variety of office seekers.

There are numerous populists

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Special Interest PACs Contributing Millions

Practically every major corporation and certainly every labor union—not to mention hundreds of other interest groups and associations—have their own political action committees (PACs).

In total there are some 4,817 PACs

registered with the Federal Election Commission (FEC).

There are more than 100 PACs in the Israel lobby network alone (see accompanying story).

Even foreign-owned corporations operating in the United States have

their own PACs, making contributions to American political candidates.

These foreign-controlled PACs contributed \$2.7 million to candidates in the 1988 election cycle—about 2 percent of the total in overall PAC dona-

STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION

(See reverse side for instructions)

1. (a) Name of Committee (in Full) Populist Party of America	☐ Check if name or address is changed.	2. Date March 7, 1987
(b) Address (Number and Street) 540 North Ave.	3. FEC Identification Number To be assigned	
(c) City, State and ZIP Code Pittsburg, Pa. 15209	4. Is this an amended Statement? ☐ YES ☒ NO	

5. TYPE OF COMMITTEE (check one)

- ☐ (a) This committee is a principal campaign committee. (Complete the candidate information below.)
- ☐ (b) This committee is an authorized committee, and is NOT a principal campaign committee. (Complete the candidate information below.)
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|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Name of Candidate | Candidate Party Affiliation | Office Sought | State/District |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|----------------|
- ☐ (c) This committee supports/opposes only one candidate _____ and is NOT an authorized committee. (Name of candidate)
- ☐ (d) This committee is a National committee of the Populist Party of America Party. (National, State or subordinate) (Democratic, Republican, etc.)
- ☐ (e) This committee is a separate segregated fund.
- ☐ (f) This committee supports/opposes more than one Federal candidate and is NOT a separate segregated fund nor a party committee.

6. Name of Any Connected Organization or Affiliated Committee	Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Relationship

If the registering political committee has identified a "connected organization" above, please indicate type of organization:

☐ Corporation ☐ Corporation w/o Capital Stock ☐ Labor Organization ☐ Membership Organization ☐ Trade Association ☐ Cooperative

7. Custodian of Records: Identify by name, address (phone number - optional) and position, the person in possession of committee books and records.

Full Name	Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Title or Position
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8. Treasurer: List the name and address (phone number - optional) of the treasurer of the committee; and the name and address of any designated agent (e.g., assistant treasurer).

Full Name	Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Title or Position
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Phillip G. Chesler	P. O. Box 321, Willow Springs, Mo. 65793	Treasurer
	(417) 469-2224	

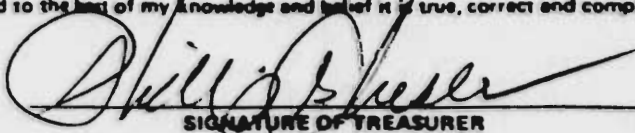
9. Banks or Other Depositories: List all banks or other depositories in which the committee deposits funds, holds accounts, rents safety deposit boxes or maintains funds.

Name of Bank, Depository, etc.	Mailing Address and ZIP Code
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Great Southern Savings & Loan Ass's	1451 E. Battlefield	Springfield, Mo. 65804
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I certify that I have examined this Statement and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

Phillip G. Chesler
Type or Print Name of Treasurer


SIGNATURE OF TREASURER

March 23, 1987
Date

NOTE: Submission of false, erroneous, or incomplete information may subject the person signing this Statement to the penalties of 2 U.S.C. §437g.

For further information contact:

Federal Election Commission, Toll Free 800-424-9530, Local 202-623-4088

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FEC FORM 1 (3/80)

EXHIBIT B

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

(see reverse side for instructions)

1. (a) Name of Candidate (in full) (JAMES GORDON) "BO" GRITZ			2. Identification Number
(b) Address (number and street) ☐ Check if address changed			
(c) City, State, and ZIP Code			
3. Party Affiliation Populist	4. Office Sought PRESIDENT	5. State & District of Candidate UNITED STATES	

DESIGNATION OF PRINCIPAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

6. I hereby designate the following named political committee as my Principal Campaign Committee for the 1992 election(s).
(year of election)

NOTE: This designation should be filed with the appropriate office listed below.

(a) Name of Committee (in full) POPULIST PARTY NATIONAL COMMITTEE BO GRITZ FOR PRESIDENT
(b) Address (number and street) P.O. Box 1992
(c) City, State and ZIP Code FORD CITY, PA 16226

DESIGNATION OF OTHER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES

(Including Joint Fundraising Representatives)

7. I hereby authorize the following named committee, which is NOT my principal campaign committee, to receive and expend funds on behalf of my candidacy.

NOTE: This designation should be filed with the principal campaign committee.

(a) Name of Committee (in full)
(b) Address (number and street)
(c) City, State and ZIP Code

I certify that I have examined this Statement and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

Signature of Candidate 	Date 24 July 91
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NOTE: Submission of false, erroneous, or incomplete information may subject the person signing this Statement to the penalties of 2 U.S.C. §437g.

CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF:

President mail to:

Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20463

U.S. Senate mail to:

Secretary of the Senate
Office of Public Records
232 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510-7116

U.S. House of Representatives mail to:

Clerk of the House of Representatives
Office of Records and Registration
1036 Longworth Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515-6612

For further information contact:

Federal Election Commission
Toll-free 800/424-9630
Local 202/376-3120

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FEC FORM 2
(revised 4/87)

EXHIBIT C

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Phillip G. Chesler, Treasurer
Populist Party of America
P.O. Box 1992
Ford City, PA 16226

APR 1 1992

Identification Number: C00214098

Reference: Year End Report (7/1/91-12/31/91)

Dear Mr. Chesler:

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:

-Your report discloses a negative ending cash balance of \$2,071.39. This suggests that you have either overdrawn your account, made a mathematical error, or incurred a debt. If your committee has incurred a debt or obligation, please show a zero balance on Line 8 of the Summary Page and reflect the amount and the nature of the debt on Schedule D and Line 10. 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(4)

-The identification of each contributor, including the person's occupation and name of employer, must be provided if the person has contributed in excess of \$200 in the aggregate during the calendar year. Please amend Schedule A supporting Line 11(a)(i) for each entry lacking a contributor's occupation and name of employer.

Note: If your committee has made at least one effort per solicitation, either by a written request or by an oral request documented in writing to obtain this information from the contributor, your committee may have exercised "best efforts." Under 11 CFR 104.7(b), such effort shall consist of a clear request for the information (i.e., name, mailing address, occupation, and name of employer) which request informs the contributor that the reporting of such information is required by law. If you believe that your committee satisfies the "best efforts" provision, you should provide a copy of your solicitation or an explanation of the method(s) used to obtain contribution information. Clarification regarding "best efforts" should be disclosed during each two year election cycle beginning with the first report filed in the non-election year. 11 CFR §104.3(a)(4)(i)

EXHIBIT D

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-Please provide a Schedule A to support the entry reported on Line 13 of the Detailed Summary Page. All loans and loan repayments received by your committee must be itemized on Schedule A, regardless of the amount loaned or repaid. 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(3)(E)

-Line 15 of the Detailed Summary Page discloses receipts for offsets to operating expenditures during the reporting period. If this figure includes any receipts from a single source, that aggregate greater than \$200 in the calendar year, please amend your report(s) by itemizing the receipts on Schedule A. 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(2)(I)

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) 219-3580.

Sincerely,



Edward D. Ryan
Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

EXHIBIT D

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

December 8, 1988

MEMORANDUM TO: The Commission
THROUGH: John C. Surina
Staff Director
FROM: Lawrence M. Noble
N. Bradley Litchfield
SUBJECT: Draft AO 1988-45

Attached is a proposed draft of the subject advisory opinion.

We request that this draft be placed on the agenda for December 14, 1988.

Attachment

AGENDA ITEM
For Meeting of Dec. 14, 1988

EXHIBIT E

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ADVISORY OPINION 1988-45

Donald B. Wassall, Executive Director
Populist Party of America
P.O. Box 1988
Ford City, PA 16226

Dear Mr. Wassall:

This responds to your letter of September 26, 1988, and the letter and supplemental documents sent by you on October 29, 1988, requesting an advisory opinion on behalf of the Populist Party of America National Committee concerning application of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), and Commission regulations to the issue of the national committee status of that committee.

In support of your assertion that the committee is a national committee of a political party, you state that the Populist Party presidential and vice presidential candidates were on the ballot in twelve states for the 1988 general election, that there were Populist Party candidates for a seat in the U.S. Senate and four seats in the U.S. House of Representatives from Pennsylvania, and that there were candidates for state and local office in Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Colorado. You also state that the Populist Party of America National Committee has engaged in a number of other activities, including disseminating party information to state affiliates and aiding in their development, helping with ballot access procedures, providing speakers to various meetings around the country, and holding National Committee meetings and conventions.

"National committee" is defined by the Act as "the organization which, by virtue of the bylaws of a political party,

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is responsible for the day-to-day operation of such political party at the national level, as determined by the Commission." 2 U.S.C. §431(14). See also 11 CFR 100.13. "Political party" is defined by the Act as "an association, committee, or organization which nominates a candidate for election to any Federal office whose name appears on the ballot as the candidate of such association, committee, or organization." 2 U.S.C. §431(16). See also 11 CFR 100.15. In 1988, the Populist Party of America, an entity that apparently was organized in early 1987, nominated presidential and vice presidential candidates who appeared on the ballot as Populists in nine states.¹ In addition, the Pennsylvania state affiliate placed five Federal candidates on the ballot as Populists. In view of these facts, the Populist Party of America would be regarded as a political party under the Act. See Advisory Opinions 1980-121, 1980-96, and 1980-3.

The Commission has applied a number of criteria aimed at determining whether a committee has demonstrated that it is engaged in sufficient activity on a national level to qualify as a national committee of a political party. A committee demonstrates that it is a national committee of a political party by nominating candidates for various Federal offices in numerous states; by engaging in certain activities on an ongoing basis (rather than with respect to a particular election) such as supporting voter registration and get-out-the-vote drives, providing speakers, and organizing volunteer workers; and by

1. The ticket of David Duke and Floyd Parker appeared on the ballot as Populists in nine states, as Independents in two states, and as the candidates of the Patriotic Party in Iowa.

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3 publicizing issues of importance to the party and its adherents
4 throughout the nation. Other indicia include the holding of a
5 national convention, the establishment of a national office, and
6 the establishment of state affiliates. See Advisory Opinions
7 1980-131, 1980-121, 1980-96, 1980-3, 1978-58, 1976-95, and
8 1975-129.

9 Documentation provided by the Populist Party of America
10 indicates that the Populist Party of America has held three
11 national conventions, including an initial convention in March,
12 1987, where it adopted by-laws.² At conventions in September,
13 1987, and March, 1988, the party nominated candidates for
14 President and Vice President.³ The by-laws provide for a

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16 2. The Commission notes that the "Bylaws for the National Committee
17 of the Populist Party of America" do not make clear that that
18 committee is responsible for "the day to day operation of the
19 political party," a criterion set out at 2 U.S.C. §431(14).
20 Specifically, Article VI of the bylaws, which discusses the Executive
21 Committee, states, "Day-by-day conduct of the affairs of the party
shall be by professional staff operating under the authority of and
responsible to the Executive Committee." These bylaws do not
explicitly indicate that the professional staff and the Executive
Committee are acting on behalf of the National Committee in the
conduct of the day-to-day operations of the party.

22 3. The party nominated George Hansen and Hubert Patty for President
23 and Vice President respectively in September, 1987, and determined
24 that if a vacancy occurred for either candidacy, the Executive
25 Committee of the party would have the right to nominate a
26 candidate. Two months later, Mr. Hansen turned down the
27 nomination and the Executive Committee withdrew the names of
28 Hansen and Patty. In March, 1988, the convention nominated David
29 Duke for President and Bo Gritz for Vice President. Shortly
30 thereafter, Gritz withdrew his name and the Executive Committee
nominated Floyd Parker.

By notice filed with the Commission, David Duke designated
the Populist Party of America National Committee as his principal
campaign committee in the general election for President, and a
separate account was apparently established for that purpose.
See 2 U.S.C. §432(e)(3)(A)(i), 11 CFR 102.12.

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3 nominating meeting or convention every presidential election year
4 and a national committee meeting at the beginning of March each
5 year. The party prints a monthly magazine known as The Populist
6 Observer which contains news of the activities of the national
7 party organization and state party affiliates, including
8 organizing activities and speeches by Populist Party leaders to
9 state meetings. The Observer also contains articles and news
10 items pertaining to public issues of interest to the Populist
11 Party of America. Articles in The Observer and copies of letters
12 from the national chairman and the executive director indicate
13 that there were communications to state party leaders as to the
14 need for state parties to pay dues in order to have voting
15 delegates at the conventions and the need for state parties to
16 attain a ballot position, and that there were communications to
17 members as to the need to become involved, pay dues, and provide
18 other support. According to articles and lists appearing in The
19 Observer, there are approximately forty state affiliates and
20 these affiliates are engaged in organizational activities to
21 varying degrees. Documentation provided by the Populist Party of
22 America also includes a lease of offices for the party.

23 Other information in documentation provided or referred to
24 by the Populist Party of America, however, indicates that it has
25 not engaged in sufficient activity on a national level for the
26 committee to qualify as a national committee. Outside of the
27 appearance of the Populist Party presidential and vice
28 presidential candidates on twelve state ballots, there were no
29 Populist Party candidates for Federal office on the ballot in any
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3 state but Pennsylvania where there was one Senate candidate and a
4 House candidate in four of the state's twenty-three Congressional
5 Districts.⁴ In addition, the reports of the party committee
6 filed with the Commission disclose no contribution or other
7 disbursement made by it in support of Congressional candidates.
8 There are disbursements to individual workers in various states
9 or to the Populist Party of certain states for "ballot access,"
10 although articles in The Observer and other documentation appear
11 to emphasize the placement of a presidential candidate on the
12 ballot.

13 The Commission concludes that the Populist Party of America
14 National Committee does not qualify as a national committee of a
15 political party. Although the party committee has taken a number
16 of steps to establish and conduct its activities as a national
17 committee, it has not yet engaged in sufficient activity for a
18 variety of Federal offices in numerous states. See Advisory
19 Opinion 1980-131. As a consequence of this determination, the
20 committee may not avail itself of the \$20,000 and \$15,000
21 contribution limits set out at 2 U.S.C. §441a(a)(1)(B) and
22 441a(a)(2)(B) or the national party expenditure provisions of 2
23 U.S.C. §441a(d). The Commission's determination does not
24 preclude the attainment by the committee of national committee
25 status at a future date.

26 This response constitutes an advisory opinion concerning

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28 4. The request states that there were candidates for state and local
29 office in Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Colorado. Although a
30 number of Populist statewide candidates appeared on the ballot in
Pennsylvania, there was only one state legislature candidate on the
ballot in each of the other two states.

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application of the Act or regulations prescribed by the
Commission to the specific transaction or activity set forth in
your request. See 2 U.S.C. §437f.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Josefiak
Chairman for the
Federal Election Commission

Enclosures (AOs 1980-131, 1980-121, 1980-96, 1980-3, 1978-58,
1976-95, and 1975-129)

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March 1, 1988

Don/Tom

TO: William Don/Tom
FM: Mike
RE: Confidential/For Your Eyes Only
Duke for President on the Populist Party Ticket

These are some random thoughts about a possible set-up of a David Duke for President campaign as the Populist Party candidate.

FIRST AND FOREMOST: David must terminate his current campaign committee and/or committees registered with the FEC.

We must start with a clean slate, with all Populist Party affairs separated from any activities of the Duke campaign prior to the time he becomes the Populist Party presidential candidate.

THE POPULIST PARTY, before moving any further, must ask the FEC for a declaration that it is indeed a "national party committee". This can be done by requesting an advisory opinion, and will save us many problems in the future.

IF THESE MATTERS ARE NOT RESOLVED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, it would be a big mistake to jump into things too fast. They could very well be the most important things that have to be done in order to avoid future problems with the FEC.

After these matters have been resolved, the next step is a fund-raising letter. Again, we have to consider the FEC here.

My initial thought is this: the Populist Party sends out a fund-raising letter, on its letterhead, to all appropriate lists, particularly previous Duke supporters (perhaps even two letters are in order: one to the previous Duke supporters, and one to the general party list), asking for funds to support its presidential campaign.

The funds will go into the general Populist Party bank account and will then be distributed under a TIGHTLY-COORDINATED system (as based on a specific master plan for ballot access).

AS WILLIS, AT LEAST, CAN ATTEST, WE SOMETIMES HAD ABSOLUTE CHAOS DURING 1984 WITH MIXED SIGNALS, ETC ETC, IN THE PROCESS OF BALLOT ACCESS.

We should target the states that we can realistically hope to spend money in as part of what can be a successful plan to get Duke on the ballot. This will be the "master plan" I speak of.

At this time, generally, there need not be a separate "David Duke for President Committee" and committee bank account. Theoretically, David will be working to obtain federal matching funds around this same time, and if he does, he will have all the money he wants to jet around the country from TV station to TV station, etc, etc; and, presumably, to help ultimately finance his own ballot access efforts.

EXHIBIT F

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300 INDEPENDENCE AVE., S.E.

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20003

(202) 544-1794

May 28, 1987

Philip K. Chesler
PO Box 321
Willow Springs, MO 65793

Dear Phil:

This letter is prompted by a recent conversation I had with Don Wassall. Don lined to me your concerns about an appearance of impropriety relating to his ership of THE POPULIST OBSERVER and its role in the Populist Party.

Up front let me say that: I do not believe it is fair for Don to have to pay any amount for any postage related to the promotion of his newsletter.

First of all, I prepared the layout and the design for the Populist Party fund-raising letter (and it was me, incidentally, who offered the resolution that THE POPULIST OBSERVER be the official party newsletter). Therefore, Don should not be arbitrarily penalized, in effect, after the fact for what were my actions. Requiring him to make any payment to the national committee (when it was not part of the agreement to begin with) would be patently unfair.

I think Don has a great newsletter: it is a professionally-done affair and it does a great service to the party and it is also a credit to the party. We need the newsletter and I know most party members who I have talked to agree that the party does need a newsletter.

I do have to tell you that at the Pittsburgh meeting I did suggest to Don that he sell the newsletter to the party, but he resisted that idea, preferring to maintain it on his own: I was concerned that questions, such as yours, might arise.

Be that as it may, I'm certain that most members of the executive committee would agree that it would be unfair for Don to have to make payments after the fact, considering all of the circumstances involved.

In the future, of course, as you and Don evidently discussed, there can be other arrangements. But, at this time, let's let sleeping dogs lie and move forward.

At any rate, I did want to drop you a line and pass on my comments, for whatever they're worth. Don tells me that you and the Pittsburgh office have worked out a pretty good communications system, and that I'm glad to hear. I think we're going to get things back together real fast.

Best,

Mike
MICHAEL COLLINS PIPER

EXHIBIT G

REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For Other Than An Authorized Committee

(Summary Page)

USE FEC MAILING LABEL
OR
TYPE OR PRINT

1 NAME OF COMMITTEE (in full) Populist Party of America		2 FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER C00214098
ADDRESS (number and street) ☐ Check if different than previously reported 540 North Avenue		3 ☐ This committee qualified as a multicandidate committee DURING THIS Reporting Period on _____ (date)
CITY, STATE and ZIP CODE Pittsburgh, Pa. 15209		

4. TYPE OF REPORT

- (a) ☐ April 15 Quarterly Report
☐ July 15 Quarterly Report
☐ October 15 Quarterly Report
☐ January 31 Year End Report
☒ July 31 Mid Year Report (Non-election Year Only)
☐ Termination Report
- Monthly Report Due On:
☐ February 20 ☐ June 20 ☐ October 20
☐ March 20 ☐ July 20 ☐ November 20
☐ April 20 ☐ August 20 ☐ December 20
☐ May 20 ☐ September 20 ☐ January 31
- ☐ Twelfth day report preceding _____ (Type of Election)
election on _____ in the State of _____
☐ Thirtieth day report following the General Election on _____
in the State of _____

- (b) Is this Report an Amendment? ☐ YES ☒ NO

SUMMARY

	COLUMN A This Period	COLUMN B Calendar Year-to-Date
5. Covering Period <u>March 6, 1987</u> through <u>June 30, 1987</u>		
6. (a) Cash on Hand January 1, 19____		\$ -0-
(b) Cash on Hand at Beginning of Reporting Period	\$ -0-	
(c) Total Receipts (from Line 18)	\$ 39,621.89	\$ 39,621.89
(d) Subtotal (add Lines 6(b) and 6(c) for Column A and Lines 6(a) and 6(c) for Column B)	\$ 39,621.89	\$ 39,621.89
7. Total Disbursements (from Line 28)	\$ 23,861.37	\$ 23,861.37
8. Cash on Hand at Close of Reporting Period (subtract Line 7 from Line 6(d))	\$ 15,760.52	\$ 15,760.52
9. Debts and Obligations Owed TO the Committee (Itemize all on Schedule C and/or Schedule D)	\$ -0-	For further information contact: Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, NW Washington, DC 20463 Toll Free 800-424-9530 Local 202-376-3120
10. Debts and Obligations Owed BY the Committee (Itemize all on Schedule C and/or Schedule D)	\$ -0-	

I certify that I have examined this Report and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

Type or Print Name of Treasurer

Phillip G. Chesler

Signature of Treasurer

Phillip G. Chesler

Date

July 31, 1987

NOTE: Submission of false, erroneous, or incomplete information may subject the person signing this Report to the penalties of 2 U.S.C. §437g.

FEC FORM 3X

(revised 4/87)

EXHIBIT H

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DETAILED SUMMARY PAGE

of Receipts and Disbursements
(Page 2, FEC FORM 3X)

Name of Committee (in full) Populist Party of America		Report Covering the Period From March 6, 87 To June 30, 1987	
		COLUMN A Total This Period	COLUMN B Calendar Year-To-Date
I. RECEIPTS			
11. CONTRIBUTIONS (other than loans) FROM:			
(a) Individuals/Persons Other Than Political Committees			
(i) Itemized (use Schedule A)	620.00	620.00	11(a)(i)
(ii) Unitemized	30,010.00	30,010.00	11(a)(ii)
(iii) Total of contributions from individuals	8,912.50	8,912.50	11(a)(iii)
(b) Political Party Committees			11(b)
(c) Other Political Committees (such as PACs)			11(c)
(d) TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS (add 11(a)(iii), (b), and (c))	39,542.50	39,542.50	11(d)
12. TRANSFERS FROM AFFILIATED/OTHER PARTY COMMITTEES			12
13. ALL LOANS RECEIVED			13
14. LOAN REPAYMENTS RECEIVED			14
15. OFFSETS TO OPERATING EXPENDITURES (Refunds, Rebates, etc.)			15
16. REFUNDS OF CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO FEDERAL CANDIDATES AND OTHER POLITICAL COMMITTEES			16
17. OTHER RECEIPTS (Dividends, Interest, etc.)	79.39	79.39	17
18. TOTAL RECEIPTS (add 11(d), 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17)	39,621.89	39,621.89	18
II. DISBURSEMENTS			
19. OPERATING EXPENDITURES	23,861.37	23,861.37	19
20. TRANSFERS TO AFFILIATED/OTHER PARTY COMMITTEES			20
21. CONTRIBUTIONS TO FEDERAL CANDIDATES AND OTHER POLITICAL COMMITTEES			21
22. INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES (use Schedule E)			22
23. COORDINATED EXPENDITURES MADE BY PARTY COMMITTEES (2 U.S.C. 441a(d)) (use Schedule F)			23
24. LOAN REPAYMENTS MADE			24
25. LOANS MADE			25
26. REFUNDS OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO:			
(a) Individuals/Persons Other Than Political Committees			26(a)
(b) Political Party Committees			26(b)
(c) Other Political Committees (such as PACs)			26(c)
(d) TOTAL CONTRIBUTION REFUNDS (add 26(a), (b), and (c))			26(d)
27. OTHER DISBURSEMENTS			27
28. TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS (add 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26(d) and 27)	23,861.37	23,861.37	28
III. NET CONTRIBUTIONS/OPERATING EXPENDITURES			
29. TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS (other than loans) (from Line 11(d))	39,542.50	39,542.50	29
30. TOTAL CONTRIBUTION REFUNDS (from Line 26(d))	-0-	-0-	30
31. NET CONTRIBUTIONS (other than loans) (subtract Line 30 from 29)	39,542.50	39,542.50	31
32. TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES (from Line 19)	23,861.37	23,861.37	32
33. OFFSETS TO OPERATING EXPENDITURES (from Line 15)	-0-	-0-	33
34. NET OPERATING EXPENDITURES (subtract Line 33 from 32)	23,861.37	23,861.37	34

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full)

Populist Party of America

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Dorothy R. Breen Box 233 Salinas, Calif. 93901 Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer Occupation Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$	Date (month, day, year) 5-12-87 200.00	Amount of Each Receipt this Period 200.00
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Cecil M. Criss 194 Bethany Pike Wheatling, W.V. 26003 Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer Self Emp. Occupation Retired Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$	Date (month, day, year) 5-28-87 200.00	Amount of Each Receipt this Period 200.00
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code D. Gerald Bing Box 487 Menden, Nevada 89423 Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer Gen Engineering Contractors Occupation Engineer Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$	Date (month, day, year) 6-12-87 220.00	Amount of Each Receipt this Period 220.00
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer Occupation Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$	Date (month, day, year) 	Amount of Each Receipt this Period
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer Occupation Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$	Date (month, day, year) 	Amount of Each Receipt this Period
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer Occupation Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$	Date (month, day, year) 	Amount of Each Receipt this Period
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer Occupation Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$	Date (month, day, year) 	Amount of Each Receipt this Period

SUBTOTAL of Receipts This Page (optional)

620.00

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full)

Populist Party of America

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code John McDonough 540 North Avenue Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219	Purpose of Disbursement Rent Deposit 150.00 Rent 300.00 Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 3-31-87	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 450.00
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Bell of Pa. Box 1676 Pittsburgh, Pa. 15255	Purpose of Disbursement Tel Installation Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 3-31-87	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 182.00
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Tom McIntyre 540 North Ave Pittsburgh, Pa. 15209	Purpose of Disbursement Establish Petty Cash Fund Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 3-31-87	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 200.00
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Postmaster 111 E. 3rd Street Willow Springs, Mo. 65793	Purpose of Disbursement Postage Stamps Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 3-31-87	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 22.00
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Davis and Warde 704 2nd Avenue Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219	Purpose of Disbursement Printing Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 4-13-87	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 900.00
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Phillip G. Chesler Box 321 Willow Springs, Mo. 65793	Purpose of Disbursement Reimburse for Postage Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 4-15-87	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 220.00
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Great Southern Savings & Loan 1451 E. Battlefield Springfield, Mo. 65804	Purpose of Disbursement Check book & deposit slip Charges Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 4-20-87	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 64.50
H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Postmaster 205 Lincoln Ave. Pittsburgh, Pa. 15209	Purpose of Disbursement Postage Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 4-20-87	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 794.24
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Postmaster 205 Lincoln Avenue Pittsburgh, Pa. 15209	Purpose of Disbursement Postage Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 4-20-87	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 505.07

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Populist Party of America

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Postmaster 205 Lincoln Avenue Pittsburgh, Pa. 15209	Purpose of Disbursement Postage Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify):	Date (month, day, year) 4-20-87	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 458.58
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code John McDonough 540 North Avenue Pittsburgh, Pa. 15209	Purpose of Disbursement Rent Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify):	Date (month, day, year) 4-30-87	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 300.00
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Van Loman 2744 Erlene Dr. Cincinnati, Ohio 45238	Purpose of Disbursement Reimburse Prtg Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify):	Date (month, day, year) 4-30-87	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 45.89
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Tom McIntyre 540 North Avenue Pittsburgh, Pa. 15209	Purpose of Disbursement Office Supplies Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify):	Date (month, day, year) 4-30-87	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 178.00
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Postmaster 205 Lincoln Ave Pittsburgh, Pa. 15209	Purpose of Disbursement Postage Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify):	Date (month, day, year) 5-5-87	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 327.75
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Don Wassall 540 North Avenue Pittsburgh, Pa. 15209	Purpose of Disbursement Office Expense Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify):	Date (month, day, year) 5-12-87	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 200.00
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Davis & Warde 704 2nd Avenue Pittsburgh, Pa. 15209	Purpose of Disbursement Printing Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify):	Date (month, day, year) 5-12-87	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 1,275.12
H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Don Wassell 540 North Ave Pittsburgh, Pa. 15209	Purpose of Disbursement April Salary Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify):	Date (month, day, year) 5-12-87	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 894.35
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Don Wassall 540 North Avenue Pittsburgh, Pa. 15209	Purpose of Disbursement May 15th Salary Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify):	Date (month, day, year) 5-21-87	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 639.80

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Populist Party of America

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Populist Party of Pa. Box 135 Worthington, Pa. 16262	Purpose of Disbursement Reimburse Room Deposit & Travel Expense Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 5-21-87	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 415.73
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Tom McIntyre 540 North Avenue Pittsburgh, Pa. 15209	Purpose of Disbursement Reimburse Petty Cash Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 5-21-87	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 200.00
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Postmaster 205 Lincoln Avenue Pittsburgh, Pa. 15209	Purpose of Disbursement Postage Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 5-21-87	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 184.34
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Populist Observer Box 524 Allison Park, Pa. 15101	Purpose of Disbursement 440 Member Subscriptions Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 5-21-87	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 6,600.00
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code John McDonough 540 North Avenue Pittsburgh, Pa. 15209	Purpose of Disbursement Rent Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 6-2-87	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 150.00
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Tom Intyre 540 North Avenue Pittsburgh, Pa. 15209	Purpose of Disbursement Reimburse Petty Cash Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 6-2-87	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 300.00
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Bell of Pa. Box 1676 Pittsburgh, Pa. 15255	Purpose of Disbursement Telephone Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 6-2-87	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 357.10
H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Don Wassall 540 North Avenue Pittsburgh, Pa. 15209	Purpose of Disbursement May 30 Salary Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 6-2-87	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 639.80
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Gr. Southern Savings & Loan 1451 East Battlefield Springfield, Mo. 65804	Purpose of Disbursement Tax Depository Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 6-2-87	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 719.10

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B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Postmaster 205 Lincoln Avenue Pittsburgh, Pa. 15209	Purpose of Disbursement Postage Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 6-10-87	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 50.00
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Tom McIntyre 540 North Avenue Pittsburg, Pa. 15209	Purpose of Disbursement Petty Cash Reimb Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 6-10-87	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 200.00
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Postmaster 205 Lincoln Avenue Pittsburgh, Pa. 15209	Purpose of Disbursement Postage Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 6-18-87	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 200.00
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Don Wassall 540 North Avenue Pittsburgh, Pa. 15209	Purpose of Disbursement June 15th Salary Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 6-18-87	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 639.80
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Keystone Business Machines Box 18224 Pittsburgh, Pa. 15236	Purpose of Disbursement Photocopy Machine Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 6-18-87	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 1,378.00
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Tom McIntyre 540 North Avenue Pittsburgh, Pa. 15209	Purpose of Disbursement Travel Expense Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 6-25-87	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 334.00
H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code John McDonough 540 North Avenue Pittsburgh, Pa. 15209	Purpose of Disbursement Rent & Deposit Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 6-25-87	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 350.00
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Bell of Pa. Box 1676 Pittsburgh, Pa. 15255	Purpose of Disbursement Telephone Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 6-25-87	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 90.30

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Populist Party of America

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code James Yarbrough 627 Simmons Gainesville, Ga.	Purpose of Disbursement Consulting fee N.C. Ballot Access Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 6-29-87	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 1,500.00
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Don Wassall 540 North Avenue Pittsburgh, Pa. 15209	Purpose of Disbursement Salary Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 6-30-87	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 639.80
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period

SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional)

2,139.80

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23,861.37

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THE POPULIST OBSERVER
 P.O. BOX 624
 ALLISON PARK, PA 15101
 763-1225

3/13/82 203

Registered Postmaster
 32
 \$ 90.32
 Dollars

4th Floor Federal of Pittsburgh
 PITTSBURGH, PA 15222

03/15/89
 David S. 16000 16000


THE POPULIST OBSERVER
 P.O. BOX 624
 ALLISON PARK, PA 15101

5/9/85 229

Registered Postmaster
 31
 \$ 93.91
 Dollars

4th Floor Federal of Pittsburgh
 PITTSBURGH, PA 15222

03/11/89
 David S. 16000 16000

EXHIBIT I

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12/27 postage	4.15	324.39
12/30 gas	10.00	314.39
12/31 PARTY	- 8.59, 37.54, 32.35	235.91
1/4 gas	10.15	225.76
12/29 2 repts from party	1.97 + 1.29	222.50
1/4 postage	11.82, 51.33	159.35
1/9 supplies	52.32	107.03
1/10 foodstuffs	5.29	101.74
1/10 pizza	6.46	95.28
1/10 labels	18.00	77.28
1/11 express CT.	8.75	68.53
1/12 foodstuffs	2.24	66.29
1/13 gas	7.75	58.54
1/17 deposit	660.31	718.85
1/18 foodstuffs	10.90	707.93
1/18 office supplies	79.18	628.75
1/18 letterhead	26.50	602.25
1/18 postage	22.25	580.00
12/31 pizza	21.96	558.74
1/19 express mail	15.25	543.49
1/19 cert. mail	4.15	539.34
postage	9.99	529.35
postage	20.35	509.00
type run off	50.00	459.00
gas	9.50	449.50
gas	10.00	439.50

EXHIBIT J

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390.87

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4/8	office supplies	59.30	390.97
4/8	postage & stamps	98.05	292.92
4/8	case 1 per	9.60	283.32
4/16	gas reimbursement	10.75	272.57
4/10	flea market items for office ^{\$56.00} no receipt		216.57
4/11	overnight package	8.75	207.82
4/12	gas reimbursement	6.90	200.92
4/14	Postage	26.31	174.61
4/14	gas reimbursement	7.00	167.61
4/15	Postage	11.63	155.98
4/15	kitchen & office supplies	45.44	111.54
4/18	postage	9.71	101.83
4/20	box of mailing labels	25.02	76.81
4/21	ad in Veta prosion	20.00	56.81
4/21	cert LT to Colorado	2.00	54.81
4/22	postage	46.50	8.25
	Petty Cash	359.46	397.71
4/26	2 overnight packages	8.75 + 12.00	376.96

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REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For Other Than An Authorized Committee
(Summary Page)

USE FEC MAILING LABEL
OR
TYPE OR PRINT

1 NAME OF COMMITTEE (in full) Populist Party of America		2. FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER C00214098
ADDRESS (number and street) ☒ Check if different than previously reported Box 1989		
CITY, STATE and ZIP CODE Ford City, Pa. 16226		3 ☐ This committee qualified as a multicandidate committee DURING THIS Reporting Period on _____ (date)

4. TYPE OF REPORT

- (a) ☐ April 15 Quarterly Report
☐ July 15 Quarterly Report
☐ October 15 Quarterly Report
☐ January 31 Year End Report
☒ July 31 Mid Year Report (Non-election Year Only)

Monthly Report Due On

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| ☐ February 20 | ☐ June 20 | ☐ October 20 |
| ☐ March 20 | ☐ July 20 | ☐ November 20 |
| ☐ April 20 | ☐ August 20 | ☐ December 20 |
| ☐ May 20 | ☐ September 20 | ☐ January 31 |

☐ Twelfth day report preceding _____ (Type of Election)

election on _____ in the State of _____

☐ Thirtieth day report following the General Election on _____ in the State of _____

☐ Termination Report

(b) Is this Report an Amendment? ☐ YES ☒ NO

SUMMARY		COLUMN A This Period	COLUMN B Calendar Year-to-Date
5	Covering Period <u>1-1-89</u> through <u>6-30-89</u>		
6	(a) Cash on Hand January 1, 19 <u>89</u>		\$ 11,031.45
	(b) Cash on Hand at Beginning of Reporting Period	\$ 11,031.45	
	(c) Total Receipts (from Line 18)	\$ 80,149.49	\$ 80,149.49
	(d) Subtotal (add Lines 6(b) and 6(c) for Column A and Lines 6(a) and 6(c) for Column B)	\$ 91,180.94	\$ 91,180.94
7	Total Disbursements (from Line 28)	\$ 65,508.31	\$ 65,508.31
8	Cash on Hand at Close of Reporting Period (subtract Line 7 from Line 6(d))	\$ 25,672.63	\$ 25,672.63
9	Debts and Obligations Owed TO the Committee (Itemize all on Schedule C and/or Schedule D)	\$	For further information contact: Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, NW Washington, DC 20463 Toll Free 800-424-9530 Local 202-376-3120
10	Debts and Obligations Owed BY the Committee (Itemize all on Schedule C and/or Schedule D)	\$ 1,500.00	

I certify that I have examined this Report and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

Type or Print Name of Treasurer

Phillip G. Chesler

Signature of Treasurer

Date

7-31-89

NOTE: Submission of false, erroneous, or incomplete information may subject the person signing this Report to the penalties of 2 U.S.C. §437g.

FEC FORM 3X
(revised 4/87)

EXHIBIT K

DETAILED SUMMARY PAGE

of Receipts and Disbursements
(Page 2, FEC FORM 3X)

Name of Committee (in full) Populist Party Of America		Report Covering the Period From: Jan. 1, 1989 To: June 30, 1989	
		COLUMN A Total This Period	COLUMN B Calendar Year-To-Date
I. RECEIPTS			
11. CONTRIBUTIONS (other than loans) FROM:			
(a) Individuals/Persons Other Than Political Committees			
(i) Itemized (use Schedule A)		2,450.00	2,450.00
(ii) Unitemized		77,228.32	77,228.32
(iii) Total of contributions from individuals			
(b) Political Party Committees			
(c) Other Political Committees (such as PACs)			
(d) TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS (add 11(a)(iii), (b), and (c))		79,678.32	79,678.32
12. TRANSFERS FROM AFFILIATED/OTHER PARTY COMMITTEES			
13. ALL LOANS RECEIVED			
14. LOAN REPAYMENTS RECEIVED			
15. OFFSETS TO OPERATING EXPENDITURES (Refunds, Rebates, etc.)		45.00	45.00
16. REFUNDS OF CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO FEDERAL CANDIDATES AND OTHER POLITICAL COMMITTEES			
17. OTHER RECEIPTS (Dividends, Interest, etc.)		426.17	426.17
18. TOTAL RECEIPTS (add 11(d), 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17)		80,149.49	80,149.49
II. DISBURSEMENTS			
19. OPERATING EXPENDITURES		65,463.31	65,463.31
20. TRANSFERS TO AFFILIATED/OTHER PARTY COMMITTEES			
21. CONTRIBUTIONS TO FEDERAL CANDIDATES AND OTHER POLITICAL COMMITTEES			
22. INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES (use Schedule E)			
23. COORDINATED EXPENDITURES MADE BY PARTY COMMITTEES (2 U.S.C. 441a(d)) (use Schedule F)			
24. LOAN REPAYMENTS MADE			
25. LOANS MADE			
26. REFUNDS OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO:			
(a) Individuals/Persons Other Than Political Committees			
(b) Political Party Committees			
(c) Other Political Committees (such as PACs)			
(d) TOTAL CONTRIBUTION REFUNDS (add 26(a), (b), and (c))		45.00	45.00
27. OTHER DISBURSEMENTS			
28. TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS (add 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26(d) and 27)		65,508.31	65,508.31
III. NET CONTRIBUTIONS/OPERATING EXPENDITURES			
29. TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS (other than loans) (from Line 11(d))		79,678.32	79,678.32
30. TOTAL CONTRIBUTION REFUNDS (from Line 26(d))		45.00	45.00
31. NET CONTRIBUTIONS (other than loans) (subtract Line 30 from 29)		79,633.32	79,633.32
32. TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES (from Line 19)		65,463.31	65,463.31
33. OFFSETS TO OPERATING EXPENDITURES (from Line 15)		45.00	45.00
34. NET OPERATING EXPENDITURES (subtract Line 33 from 32)		65,418.31	65,418.31

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full)

Populist Party of America

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Ruth Ann Friesen Box 55 Swathmore, Pa. 19081 Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer Occupation Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$	Date (month, day, year) 4-10-89 6-12-89	Amount of Each Receipt this Period 35.00 210.00
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Frederick Williams 116 7th Ave. So. Surfside Beach, S. C. 29575 Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer Occupation Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$	Date (month, day, year) 4-28-89 6-12-89	Amount of Each Receipt this Period 100.00 200.00
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Don Shreves 1849 Maltman Ave. Los Angeles, Calif. 90026 Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer Occupation Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$	Date (month, day, year) 1-13-89 2-4-89 2-27-89 3-10-89 4-1-89 5-11-89	Amount of Each Receipt this Period 50.00 50.00 15.00 10.00 50.00 50.00
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Joseph J. Powers 106 Edson Poplar Grove, Ill. 61065 Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer Occupation <u>Retired</u> Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$	Date (month, day, year) 1-13-89 2-11-89 3-11-89 4-11-89 5-11-89 6-12-89	Amount of Each Receipt this Period 200.00 230.00 200.00 200.00 200.00 200.00
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Al Renk 100 E. Intl Airport Rd. Anchorage, Alaska Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer Occupation Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$	Date (month, day, year) 1-13-89 3-10-89	Amount of Each Receipt this Period 100.00 100.00
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Jesse Pollard Box 167 Conyngham, Pa. 18219 Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer Occupation <u>Retired</u> Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$	Date (month, day, year) 4-10-89 4-10-89	Amount of Each Receipt this Period 60.00 140.00
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer Occupation Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Receipt this Period

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Populist Party of America

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code A.E.L. Leasing Inc. Box M 13428 Reading, Pa. 19612	Purpose of Disbursement Jan. Computer Rental Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 1-3-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 220.24
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Robert Dorman 327 N. McKean Kittanning, Pa. 16201	Purpose of Disbursement Jan. Office Rental Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 1-3-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 426.00
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Joanne Kaplin Rt. 5 Box 361 Kittanning, Pa. 16201	Purpose of Disbursement Salary Thru 1-3-89 Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 1-3-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 24.97
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code West Pa. Power P. O. Box 957 Kittanning, Pa. 16201	Purpose of Disbursement Power Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 1-3-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 37.11
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code M C I 601 S. 12th St. Dept. 3291/081 Arlington, Va. 22202	Purpose of Disbursement Telephone Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 1-3-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 517.07
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Great Southern Savings & Loan Box 9009 Springfield, Mo. 65808	Purpose of Disbursement Dec. Withholding & Taxes Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 1-3-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 639.71
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code M C I 601 S. 12th St. Dept. 3291/081 Arlington, Va. 22202	Purpose of Disbursement Telephone Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 1-6-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 317.26
H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Holiday Inn Cincinnati, Ohio	Purpose of Disbursement Ohio State Meeting Room Rent Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 1-6-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 80.00
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Postmaster Ford City, Pa.	Purpose of Disbursement Postage Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 1-6-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 2,000.00

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full)

Populist Party of America

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Don Wassall 1703 5th Ave. Ford City, Pa. 16226	Purpose of Disbursement Petty Cash Reimb. Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 1-9-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 660.31
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Don Wassall 1703 5th Ave. Ford City, Pa. 16226	Purpose of Disbursement Salary thru 1-11-89 Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 1-11-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 724.70
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code All Telephone Inc. 201 No. Jefferson St. Kittanning, Pa. 16201	Purpose of Disbursement Telephone Service Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 1-13-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 225.43
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Populist Observer Box 524 Allison Park, Pa. 15101	Purpose of Disbursement Subscriptions Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 1-13-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 465.00
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Robert Dorman 327 N. McKean Kittanning, Pa. 16201	Purpose of Disbursement Feb. Rent Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 1-27-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 426.00
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code A. E. L. Leasing Inc. Box M 13428 Reading, Pa. 19612	Purpose of Disbursement Computer Rental Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 1-27-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 220.24
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Don Wassall 1703 5th Ave. Ford City, Pa. 16226	Purpose of Disbursement Salary thru 1-27-89 Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 1-27-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 724.70
H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Darlene Raymont RD #2 Box 226 Ford City, Pa. 16226	Purpose of Disbursement Salary thru 1-27-89 Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 1-27-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 217.62
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code West Penn. Power Co. P. O. Box 957 Kittanning, Pa. 16201	Purpose of Disbursement Power Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 1-27-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 44.87

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A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Leader Timer 117 No. Grant Ave. Kittanning, Pa. 16201	Purpose of Disbursement Help wanted ads Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 1-27-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 30.15
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code All Telephone Inc. 201 No. Jefferson St. Kittanning, Pa. 16201	Purpose of Disbursement Telephone Service Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 1-27-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 272.12
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Peoples Gas Co. Bill Payment Center Pittsburgh, Pa. 15266	Purpose of Disbursement Dec. & Jan. Gas Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 1-27-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 292.26
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Great Southern Savings & Loan Box 9009 Springfield, Mo. 65808	Purpose of Disbursement Jan. Depository Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 1-27-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 589.56
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Pa. Dept. Of Revenue Dept. 0006 Harrisburg, Pa. 15274	Purpose of Disbursement Quartly Withholding Tax Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 1-27-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 149.37
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Postmaster Fort City, Pa. 16226	Purpose of Disbursement Postage Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 2-2-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 2,000.00
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Don Wassall 1703 5th Ave. Ford City, Pa. 16226	Purpose of Disbursement Petty Cash Reimb. Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 2-10-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 516.41
H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Liberty Lobby 300 Independence Ave. S.E. Washington D.C. 20003	Purpose of Disbursement Books Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 2-10-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 109.60
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Jim Yarbrough 627 Simmons St. N. W. Gainesville, Ga. 30501	Purpose of Disbursement Telephone, Airline & Room Exp Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 2-10-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 383.70

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A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Don Wassall 1703 5th Ave. Ford City, Pa. 16226	Purpose of Disbursement Salary thru 2-14-89 Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 2-14-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 724.70
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Darlene Raymont RD # 2 Box 226 Ford City, Pa. 16226	Purpose of Disbursement Salary thru 2-15-89 Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 2-15-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 26.44
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Aftons Business Equip. 416 Jefferson Ave. Pittsburgh, Pa. 15202	Purpose of Disbursement Copy Machine Repair Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 2-14-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 169.60
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Gene Friedline Co. Box 391 Indiana, Pa. 15701	Purpose of Disbursement Printing Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 2-14-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 2,764.53
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Tom McIntyre 5316 Friendship Ave. Pittsburgh, Pa. 15224	Purpose of Disbursement Travel to Ohio meeting Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 2-14-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 190.00
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Custom Printing 2933 Mary Pittsburgh, Pa. 15202	Purpose of Disbursement Chicago Banner Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 2-20-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 186.56
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Don Wassall 1703 5th Ave. Ford City, Pa. 16226	Purpose of Disbursement Salary thru 2-25-89 Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 2-25-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 724.70
H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code A.E. L. Leasing Box M 13428 Reading, Pa. 19612	Purpose of Disbursement Computer Lease Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 2-25-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 220.24
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period

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A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Truth in Money P. O. Box 30 Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44022	Books for resale Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	2-25-89	590.63
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Robert Dorman 327 N. McKean Kittanning, Pa. 16201	March Rent Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	2-25-89	426.00
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Great Southern Savings & Loan Box 9009 Springfield, Mo. 65808	Feb. Payroll Depository Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	2-25-89	553.38
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Bismarck Hotel 171 W. Randolph Chicago, Ill. 60601	150 Dinners Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	3-3-89	2,825.68
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Jim Yarborough 627 Simmons St. N.W. Gainesville, Ga. 30501	Telephone Reimb. Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	3-4-89	189.00
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Jim Townsend 1051 E. So. Lemon Fullerton, Calif. 92632	Air Travel to Chicago Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	3-4-89	1,146.35
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
David Duke Box 10625 New Orleans, La. 70181	Air Fare to Chicago Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	3-4-89	497.00
H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
John Justice 1801 S. 55th Ave. Cicero, Ill. 60650	Banquet Deposit Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	3-5-89	500.00
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Joseph Kuhl 253 Williams St. Hammond, Ind. 46320	Refund Banquet Fees Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	3-5-89	45.00

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Populist Party of America

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Populist Observer Box 524 Allison Park, Pa. 15101	Purpose of Disbursement Subscription Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 3-13-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 10,875.00
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Don Wassall 1703 5th Ave Fort City, Pa. 16226	Purpose of Disbursement Petty Cash Reimb Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 3-13-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 700.75
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code All Telephone Inc. 201 No. Jefferson St. Kittanning, Pa. 16201	Purpose of Disbursement Telephone Service Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 3-13-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 209.12
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Postmaster McGrann, Pa. 16236	Purpose of Disbursement Postage Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 3-13-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 72.00
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code West Penn. Power P. O. Box 957 Kittanning, Pa. 16201	Purpose of Disbursement Power Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 3-13-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 16.37
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Armstrong Office Products 412 10th St. Ford City, Pa. 16-26	Purpose of Disbursement Office Supplies Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 3-13-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 146.97
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Peoples Gas Bill Payment Center Pittsburgh, Pa. 14266	Purpose of Disbursement Gas Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 3-13-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 181.36
H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Don Wassall 1703 5th Ave. Ford City, Pa. 16226	Purpose of Disbursement Salary thru 3-13-89 Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 3-13-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 792.10
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Jim Yarbrough 627 Simms St. N W Gainesville, Ga. 30501	Purpose of Disbursement Telephone Reimb. Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 3-16-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 429.73

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A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Postmaster McGrann, Pa. 16236	Purpose of Disbursement Postage Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 3-16-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 1,400.00
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Reggans Advertising P. O. Box 56 New Castle, Pa. 16103	Purpose of Disbursement Merchandise for resale Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 3-16-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 1,112.11
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code M C I 601 S. 12th St. Dept. 3291/081 Arlington, Va. 22202	Purpose of Disbursement Telephone Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 3-22-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 482.38
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Don Wassall 1703 5th Ave. Ford City, Pa. 16226	Purpose of Disbursement Salary thru 3-29-89 Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 3-29-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 794.10
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Great Southern Savings & Loan Box 9009 Springfield, Mo. 65808	Purpose of Disbursement Mar. 89 withholding taxes Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 3-29-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 629.40
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Robert Dorman 327 N. McKean Kittanning, Pa. 16201	Purpose of Disbursement April Rent Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 3-29-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 426.00
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code A.E.L. Leasing Box M 13428 Reading, Pa. 19612	Purpose of Disbursement April Computer Rental Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 3-29-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 220.24
H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code M C I 601 S. 12th St. Dept. 3291/081 Arlington, Va. 22202	Purpose of Disbursement Telephone Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 3-31-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 233.84
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code 	Purpose of Disbursement 	Date (month, day, year) 	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period

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A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code AllTel, Inc. 201 No. Jefferson St. Kittanning, Pa. 16201	Purpose of Disbursement Telephone . Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify):	Date (month, day, year) 3-31-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 214.58
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code James Yarbrough 627 Simmons St. Gainesville, Ga. 30501	Purpose of Disbursement Telephone Expense Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify):	Date (month, day, year) 4-13-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 470.07
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Don Wassall 1703 5th Ave Ford City, Pa. 16226	Purpose of Disbursement Salary Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify):	Date (month, day, year) 4-13-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 794.10
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Don Wassall 1703 5th Avenue Ford City, Pa. 16226	Purpose of Disbursement Petty Cash Reimb Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify):	Date (month, day, year) 4-18-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 625.28
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Randle Dunn Box 2095 Ogden, Utah	Purpose of Disbursement Truck Repairs Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify):	Date (month, day, year) 4-18-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 800.00
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code James Yarbrough 627 Simmons St. Gainesville, Ga. 30501	Purpose of Disbursement Expense Advance Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify):	Date (month, day, year) 4-24-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 1,000.00
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Pa Dept of Revenue Dept 0006 Harrisburgh, Pa. 15274	Purpose of Disbursement 1/4 Withholding Tax Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify):	Date (month, day, year) 4-25-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 129.57
H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Don Wassall 1703 5th Ave Ford City, Pa. 16226	Purpose of Disbursement Salary thru 4-30-89 Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify):	Date (month, day, year) 4-27-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 792.10
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code James Yarbrough 627 Simmons St. Gainesville, Ga. 30501	Purpose of Disbursement Salary thru 4-3-89 Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify):	Date (month, day, year) 4-27-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 118.73

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A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Great Southern Savings & Loan Box 9009 Springfield, Mo. 65808	Purpose of Disbursement April Depository Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 4-27-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 629.40
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Robert Dorman 327 N. McKean Kittanning, Pa. 16201	Purpose of Disbursement May Rent Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 4-27-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 430.00
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code AEL Leasing Box M13428 Reading, Pa. 19612	Purpose of Disbursement Computer Lease Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 4-27-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 220.24
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Watt Insurance Agency 834 4th Ave Ford City, Pa. 16226	Purpose of Disbursement Office Insurance Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 4-27-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 81.20
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code AllTel, Inc. 201 No. Jefferson St. Kittanning, Pa. 16201	Purpose of Disbursement Telephone Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 4-27-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 377.22
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Peoples Gas Co. Bill Paymt Center Pittsburgh, Pa. 15266	Purpose of Disbursement Office Heat Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 4-27-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 77.00
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Leader Times 117 No. Grant Ave Kittanning, Pa. 16201	Purpose of Disbursement Help Wanted Ad Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 4-27-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 30.05
H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Studio 413 935 7th St. Ford City, Pa. 16226	Purpose of Disbursement Misc for Resale Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 4-27-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 668.00
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code James Yarbrough 627 Simmons St. Gainesville, Ga. 30501	Purpose of Disbursement Travel Expense Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 5-4-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 119.67

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A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Don Wassall 1703 5th Ave Ford City, Pa. 16226	Purpose of Disbursement Petty Cash Reimb Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 5-4-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 671.86
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code James Yarbrough 627 Simmons Street Gainesville, Ga. 30501	Purpose of Disbursement Telephone Reimb Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 5-12-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 223.59
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Don Wassall 1703 5th Ave Ford City, Pa. 16226	Purpose of Disbursement Salary thru 5-15-89 Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 5-12-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 792.10
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Olivia Cousins Route 1 Adrian, Pa. 16210	Purpose of Disbursement Salary thru 5-15-89 Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 5-12-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 243.46
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Peoples Gas Co. Pill Paymt Center pittsburgh, Pa. 15266	Purpose of Disbursement Office Heat Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 5-12-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 77.00
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Aftans Bus Equip 416 Jefferson Avenue Pittsburgh, Pa. 15202	Purpose of Disbursement Office Copier Maint Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 5-12-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 190.80
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Postmaster McGrann, Pa. 16236	Purpose of Disbursement Postage Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 5-15-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 875.00
H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Postmaster McGrann, Pa. 16236	Purpose of Disbursement Postage Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 5-22-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 180.18
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Olivia Cousins Route 1 Adrain, Pa. 16210	Purpose of Disbursement Salary thru 5-31-89 Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 5-30-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 202.65

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A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Don Wassall 1703 5th Ave. Ford City, Pa. 16226	Purpose of Disbursement Salary thru 5-30-89 Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 5-30-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 792.10
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Great Southern Savings & Loan Box 9009 Springfield, Mo. 65808	Purpose of Disbursement May Depository Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 5-30-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 752.50
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code M. W. Miller RD 5 Box 155 Kittanning, Pa. 16201	Purpose of Disbursement June Rent Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 5-30-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 430.00
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code A E L Leasing Inc Box M 13428 Reading, Pa. 19612	Purpose of Disbursement Computer leasing Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 5-30-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 220.24
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code M C I 601 S. 12th St. Dept. 3291/081 Arlington, Va. 22202	Purpose of Disbursement Telephone Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 5-30-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 95.82
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code West Penn. Power P. O. Box 957 Kittanning, Pa. 16201	Purpose of Disbursement Power Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 5-30-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 85.08
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code A I C F Box 525 Montrey, Va. 24465	Purpose of Disbursement Books Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 6-1-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 50.00
H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Tom McIntyre 5316 Friendship Ave.	Purpose of Disbursement Exp. to N.Y. Meeting Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 6-6-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 69.33
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period

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Populist Party of America

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Don Wassall 1703 5th Ave. Ford City, Pa. 16226	Petty Cash Reimb. Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	6-6-89	628.65
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Don Wassall 1703 5th Ave. Ford City, Pa. 16226	Purpose of Disbursement Salary thru 6-12-89 Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	6-12-89	792.10
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Olivea Cousins RD #1 Adrian, Pa. 16210	Purpose of Disbursement Salary thru 6-12-89 Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	6-12-89	248.56
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Jim Yarbrough 627 Simmons St. NW Gainesville, Ga. 30401	Purpose of Disbursement Salary thru 6-12-89 Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	6-12-89	445.70
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Gene Friedline Co. Box 391 Indiana, Pa. 15701	Purpose of Disbursement Printing Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	6-13-89	340.26
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Gene Friedline Co. Box 391 Indiana, Pa. 15701	Purpose of Disbursement Printing Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	6-13-89	687.00
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Jim Yarbrough 627 Simmons St. NW Gainesville, Ga. 30501	Purpose of Disbursement Reimb. Telephone & Office Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	6-16-89	394.31
H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Howard Allen Box 76 Cape Canaveral, Fla. 32920	Purpose of Disbursement Books for resale Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	6-19-89	350.00
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Real America Movement Suite 976 Valley Forge, Pa. 19482	Purpose of Disbursement Books Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	6-19-89	229.02
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A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code M C I 601 S. 12th St. Dept. 3291/081 Arlington, Va. 22202	Purpose of Disbursement Telephone Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 6-22-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 119.15
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code All Telephone Inc. 201 No. Jefferson St. Kittanning, Pa. 16201	Purpose of Disbursement Telephone Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 6-22-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 518.37
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Bill Chandler P. O. Box 486 Camp Verde, Az. 86322	Purpose of Disbursement Travel Exp. Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 6-24-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 497.84
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Jim Yarbrough 627 Simmons St. NW Gainesville, Ga. 30501	Purpose of Disbursement Travel Exp. Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 6-29-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 96.04
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Jim Yarbrough 627 Simmons St. NW Gainesville, Ga. 30501	Purpose of Disbursement Salary thru 6-29-89 Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 6-29-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 600.61
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Olivia Cousins RD # 1 Adian, Pa. 16210	Purpose of Disbursement Salary thru 6-30-89 Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 6-29-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 67.22
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Don Wassall 1703 5th Ave. Ford City, Pa. 16226	Purpose of Disbursement Salary thru 6-29-89 Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 6-29-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 814.15
H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Manford W. Miller RD # 5 Box 155 Kittanning, Pa. 16201	Purpose of Disbursement July Rent Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 6-29-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 430.00
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code A E L Leasing Box M 13428 Reading, Pa. 19612	Purpose of Disbursement Computer lease Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 6-29-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 220.24

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A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Peoples Gas Bill Payment Center Pittsburgh, Pa. 15266	Purpose of Disbursement Office Heat Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 6-29-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 77.00
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code West Penn. Power Box 957 Kittanning, Pa. 16201	Purpose of Disbursement Electric Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 6-29-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 38.94
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Great Southern Savings & Loan Box 9009 Springfield, Mo 65808	Purpose of Disbursement June Depository Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 6-29-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 1,070.42
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Phillip Chesler Box 321 Willow Springs, Mo. 65793	Purpose of Disbursement Travel Exp. Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 6-29-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 69.85
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Great Southern Savings & Loan Box 9009 Springfield, Mo. 65808	Purpose of Disbursement Check Charges Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 5-19-89	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 14.18
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Pa. Workmens Ins. Fund State Treasures Office Harrisburg, Pa.	Purpose of Disbursement Workmens Ins. Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 12-20-88	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 369.10
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period

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DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS
Excluding Loans

Name of Committee for Full	Outstanding Balance Beginning This Period	Amount Incurred This Period	Payment This Period	Outstanding Balance at Close of This Period
Populist Party of America				
A. Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code of Debtor or Creditor Michael C. Piper 300 Independence Ave. SE Washington D. C. 20003	-0-	1,500.00	-0-	1,500.00*
*Disputed Amount				
Nature of Debt (Purpose):				
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code of Debtor or Creditor				
Nature of Debt (Purpose):				
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code of Debtor or Creditor				
Nature of Debt (Purpose):				
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code of Debtor or Creditor				
Nature of Debt (Purpose):				
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code of Debtor or Creditor				
Nature of Debt (Purpose):				
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code of Debtor or Creditor				
Nature of Debt (Purpose):				
1) SUBTOTALS This Period This Page (optional)				1,500.00
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REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
BY AN AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE OF A
CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

NOTE: This report is to be used by an authorized committee of a candidate seeking nomination or election to the Office of President or Vice President of the United States whether or not public funds are used.

USE FEC MAILING LABEL OR TYPE OR PRINT	1. NAME OF COMMITTEE (in full) Populist Party Nat'l Committee Bo Gritz For President	2. IDENTIFICATION NUMBER C00253948
	ADDRESS (number and street) ☐ Check if different than previously reported Post Office Box 1992	3. IS THIS REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR:
	CITY, STATE and ZIP CODE Ford City, PA. 16226	☐ Primary ☒ General
	4. TYPE OF REPORT ("X" appropriate box and complete, if applicable) ☐ Amendment for (Report) ☒ Monthly Report (month) February 1992 ☐ April 15 Quarterly Report ☐ January 31 Year-end Report ☐ July 15 Quarterly Report ☐ Termination Report ☐ October 15 Quarterly Report	☐ Twelfth Day Before Election ☐ Thirtieth Day After Election TYPE OF ELECTION STATE _____ ELECTION DATE _____

COMMITTEE SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

5. COVERING PERIOD	FROM February 1, 1992	THROUGH February 29, 1992
SUMMARY	6. CASH ON HAND AT BEGINNING OF THE REPORTING PERIOD	(627.98)
	7. TOTAL RECEIPTS THIS PERIOD (From Line 22 Column A)	3,768.90
	8. SUBTOTAL (Add Line 6 and 7)	3,140.92
	9. TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS THIS PERIOD (From Line 30 Column A)	5,727.67
	10. CASH ON HAND AT CLOSE OF THE REPORTING PERIOD (Subtract Line 9 from 8)	(2,586.75)
	11. DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS OWED TO THE COMMITTEE (Itemize All on Schedule C or Schedule D)	-0-
	12. DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS OWED BY THE COMMITTEE (Itemize All on Schedule C or Schedule D)	-0-
13. EXPENDITURES SUBJECT TO LIMITATION (From FEC Form 3P, Page 4)		
NET YEAR-TO-DATE CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES	14. NET CONTRIBUTIONS (Other than Loans) (Subtract Line 28d Column B from 17e Column B)	11,994.15
	15. NET OPERATING EXPENDITURES (Subtract Line 20e Column B from 23 Column B)	12,391.62

I certify that I have examined this Report and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF TREASURER

Phillip G. Chester

SIGNATURE OF TREASURER

DATE

3-19-92

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Local 376-3120

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FEC FORM 3P (2/83)

EXHIBIT L

DETAILED SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
(Page 2, FEC FORM 3P)

COMMITTEE (in Full)		REPORT COVERING THE PERIOD:	
Populist Party Nat'l Committee Bo Gritz For President		From: 2-1-92	Through: 2-29-92
		COLUMN A Total This Period	COLUMN B Calendar Year-to-Date
I. RECEIPTS			
16. FEDERAL FUNDS (Itemize on Schedule A-P)			16
17. CONTRIBUTIONS (other than loans) FROM:			
(a) Individuals/Persons Other Than Political Committees	3,768.90	11,994.15	17(a)
(b) Political Party Committees			17(b)
(c) Other Political Committees			17(c)
(d) The Candidate			17(d)
(e) TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS (other than loans) (Add 17(a), 17(b), 17(c) and 17(d)).	3,768.90	11,994.15	17(e)
18. TRANSFERS FROM OTHER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES			18
19. LOANS RECEIVED:			
(a) Loans Received From or Guaranteed by Candidates			19(a)
(b) Other Loans			19(b)
(c) TOTAL LOANS (Add 19(a) and 19(b))			19(c)
20. OFFSETS TO EXPENDITURES (Refunds, Rebates, etc.):			
(a) Operating			20(a)
(b) Fundraising			20(b)
(c) Legal and Accounting			20(c)
(d) TOTAL OFFSETS TO EXPENDITURES (Add 20(a), 20(b) and 20(c)).			20(d)
21. OTHER RECEIPTS (Dividends, Interest, etc.)			21
22. TOTAL RECEIPTS (Add 16, 17(e), 18, 19(c), 20(d) and 21).	3,768.90	11,994.15	22
II. DISBURSEMENTS			
23. OPERATING EXPENDITURES	5,727.67	12,391.62	23
24. TRANSFERS TO OTHER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES			24
25. FUNDRAISING DISBURSEMENTS			25
26. EXEMPT LEGAL AND ACCOUNTING DISBURSEMENTS			26
27. LOAN REPAYMENTS MADE:			
(a) Repayments of Loans Made or Guaranteed by Candidates			27(a)
(b) Other Repayments			27(b)
(c) TOTAL LOAN REPAYMENTS MADE (Add 27(a) and 27(b)).			27(c)
28. REFUNDS OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO:			
(a) Individuals/Persons Other Than Political Committees			28(a)
(b) Political Party Committees			28(b)
(c) Other Political Committees			28(c)
(d) TOTAL CONTRIBUTION REFUNDS (Add 28(a), 28(b) and 28(c))			28(d)
29. OTHER DISBURSEMENTS			29
30. TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS (Add 23, 24, 25, 26, 27(c), 28(d) and 29)	5,727.67	12,391.62	30
III. CONTRIBUTED ITEMS (Stock, Art Objects, Etc.)			
31. ITEMS ON HAND TO BE LIQUIDATED (Attach List)			31

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	LINE NUMBER 17 (a)	

NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full)

Populist Party Nat'l Committee Bo Gritz For President

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DATE
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AMOUNT OF
EACH RECEIPT
THIS PERIOD

NAME, ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE Everard Book 1149 Brown Street Englewood, Florida 34224	NAME OF EMPLOYER		2-21-92	200.00
	OCCUPATION	RECEIPT FOR (specify other): ☐ Primary ☒ General		
	AGGREGATE YEAR-TO-DATE 200.00			
NAME, ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE Robert Webb 5642 E. Sharon Dr. Scottsdale, AZ. 85254	NAME OF EMPLOYER Comp-U-Staff Computer		2-21-92	1,000.00
	OCCUPATION	RECEIPT FOR (specify other): ☐ Primary ☒ General		
	AGGREGATE YEAR-TO-DATE 1,000.00			
NAME, ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE	NAME OF EMPLOYER			
	OCCUPATION	RECEIPT FOR (specify other): ☐ Primary ☐ General		
	AGGREGATE YEAR-TO-DATE			
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	AGGREGATE YEAR-TO-DATE			
NAME, ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE	NAME OF EMPLOYER			
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	AGGREGATE YEAR-TO-DATE			
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NAME, ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE	NAME OF EMPLOYER			
	OCCUPATION	RECEIPT FOR (specify other): ☐ Primary ☐ General		
	AGGREGATE YEAR-TO-DATE			
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NAME, ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

Postmaster
McGrann, PA. 16126

PURPOSE OF DISBURSEMENT

Postage

DISBURSEMENT FOR:

Other (specify)

☐ Primary

☐ General

☐

65.46

NAME, ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

Postmaster
McGrann, PA. 16236

PURPOSE OF DISBURSEMENT

Postage

DISBURSEMENT FOR:

Other (specify)

☐ Primary

☐ General

☐

94.35

NAME, ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

Phillip G. Chesler
Post Office Box 321
Willow Springs, Missouri 65793

PURPOSE OF DISBURSEMENT

Reimbursement Tel. & Postage

DISBURSEMENT FOR:

Other (specify)

☐ Primary

☐ General

☐

2-4-92

163.68

NAME, ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

American Express
Post Office Box 630012
Dallas, Texas 75263

PURPOSE OF DISBURSEMENT

Travel

DISBURSEMENT FOR:

Other (specify)

☐ Primary

☐ General

☐

2-10-92

500.00

NAME, ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

Great Southern Savings & Loan
Box 9009
Springfield, Missouri 65808

PURPOSE OF DISBURSEMENT

Depository

DISBURSEMENT FOR:

Other (specify)

☐ Primary

☐ General

☐

2-14-92

476.06

NAME, ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

Jeff Wilkerson
3067 Joy Road
Lake Worth, Florida 33467

PURPOSE OF DISBURSEMENT

Ballot Access/
Salary Thru 2-15-92

DISBURSEMENT FOR:

Other (specify)

☐ Primary

☐ General

☐

2-14-92

407.75

NAME, ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

Donald Wassall
1703 Fifth Avenue
Ford City, PA. 16226

PURPOSE OF DISBURSEMENT

Salary Thru 2-15-92

DISBURSEMENT FOR:

Other (specify)

☐ Primary

☐ General

☐

2-14-92

193.12

NAME, ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

Phillip G. Chesler
Post Office Box 321
Willow Springs, Missouri 65793

PURPOSE OF DISBURSEMENT

Consulting Fee

DISBURSEMENT FOR:

Other (specify)

☐ Primary

☐ General

☐

2-14-92

250.00

SUBTOTAL OF DISBURSEMENTS THIS PAGE (optional)

2,150.42

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Postmaster
McGrann, PA. 16236

PURPOSE OF DISBURSEMENT

Postage

DISBURSEMENT FOR:

Other (specify)

☐ Primary

☐ General

☐

2-18-92

337.55

NAME, ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

Citibank
Box 6125
Sioux Falls, S. D.

PURPOSE OF DISBURSEMENT

Travel

DISBURSEMENT FOR:

Other (specify)

☐ Primary

☐ General

☐

2-18-92

73.85

NAME, ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

Michigan Populist Party
Post Office Box 22
Birmingham, MI. 48011

PURPOSE OF DISBURSEMENT

Meeting Room

DISBURSEMENT FOR:

Other (specify)

☐ Primary

☐ General

☐

2-18-92

100.00

NAME, ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

American Express
Post Office Box 630012
Dallas, Texas 75263

PURPOSE OF DISBURSEMENT

Travel

DISBURSEMENT FOR:

Other (specify)

☐ Primary

☐ General

☐

2-26-92

500.00

NAME, ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

Postmaster
McGrann, PA. 16236

PURPOSE OF DISBURSEMENT

Postage

DISBURSEMENT FOR:

Other (specify)

☐ Primary

☐ General

☐

2-26-92

189.48

NAME, ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

Jeff Wilkerson
3067 Joy Road
Lake Worth, Florida

PURPOSE OF DISBURSEMENT

Ballot Access/
Salary Thru 2-29-92

DISBURSEMENT FOR:

Other (specify)

☐ Primary

☐ General

☐

2-29-92

407.75

NAME, ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

Phillip G. Chesler
Post Office Box 321
Willow Springs, Missouri 65793

PURPOSE OF DISBURSEMENT

Consulting Fee

DISBURSEMENT FOR:

Other (specify)

☐ Primary

☐ General

☐

2-29-92

250.00

NAME, ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

Gazette Printing
Post Office Box 10
Indiana, PA. 15701

PURPOSE OF DISBURSEMENT

Printing

DISBURSEMENT FOR:

Other (specify)

☐ Primary

☐ General

☐

2-29-92

1,500.00

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3,358.63

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NAME, ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

Don Wassall
1703 Fifth Avenue
Ford City, PA. ;6226

PURPOSE OF DISBURSEMENT

Salary Thru 2-29-92

2-29-92

193.12

DISBURSEMENT FOR: Other (specify)

☐ Primary ☐ General ☐

NAME, ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

Mellon Bank
Ford City, PA. ;6226

PURPOSE OF DISBURSEMENT

Bank Charges

25.50

DISBURSEMENT FOR: Other (specify)

☐ Primary ☐ General ☐

NAME, ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

PURPOSE OF DISBURSEMENT

DISBURSEMENT FOR: Other (specify)

☐ Primary ☐ General ☐

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PURPOSE OF DISBURSEMENT

DISBURSEMENT FOR: Other (specify)

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PURPOSE OF DISBURSEMENT

DISBURSEMENT FOR: Other (specify)

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DISBURSEMENT FOR: Other (specify)

☐ Primary ☐ General ☐

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218.62

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5,727.67

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CONSOLIDATION REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
To Be Used by a Principal Campaign Committee

PRINCIPAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
Party National Committee
for President

FROM

2-1-92

THROUGH

2-29-92

COMMITTEE NAME		(a) Column B Line 16 Federal funds	(b) Column B Line 17(a) Total contributions (other than loans)	(c) Column B Line 18 Transfer from other authorized committees	(d) Column B Line 19 Loans and loan repayments received	(e) Column B Line 20(a) Offsets to operating expenditures
A	American First Coalition	-0-	30,880.99	-0-	-0-	-0-
B						
C						
D						
E						
F						
G						
H						
I						
J						
K	COLUMN TOTAL THIS PAGE					
L	COLUMN TOTAL LAST PAGE ONLY					

(f) Column B Line 20(b) Offsets to fundraising disbursements	(g) Column B Line 20(c) Offsets to except legal and accounting disbursements	(h) Column B Line 21 Other receipts	(i) Column B Line 22 Total receipts (Add columns (a) through (h))	(j) Column B Line 23 Operating expenditures	(k) Column B Line 24 Transfer to other authorized committees	(l) Column B Line 25 Fundraising disbursements	(m) Column B Line 26 Except legal and accounting disbursements
A	-0-	-0-	-0-	30,880.99	13,744.50	-0-	15,846.84
B							
C							
D							
E							
F							
G							
H							
I							
J							
K							
L							

(n) Column B Line 27 Loans and loan repayments made	(o) Column B Line 28(a) Total contribution refunds	(p) Column B Line 29 Other disbursements	(q) Column B Line 30 Total disbursements (Add columns (j) through (p))	(r) Line 4 Cash on hand at beginning of the reporting period	(s) Line 10 Cash on hand at close of the reporting period	(t) Line 11 Debits and obligations owed TO the committee	(u) Line 12 Debits and obligations owed BY the committee
A	-0-	-0-	185.75	29,777.09	1,559.72	2,026.50	-0-
B							
C							
D							
E							
F							
G							
H							
I							
J							
K							
L							

STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION

(See reverse side for instructions)

1. (a) NAME OF COMMITTEE IN FULL AMERICA FIRST COALITION (Check if name is changed) ☒
 (b) Number and Street Address 4437 Highway 218 West, P.O. Box 1327 (Check if address is changed) ☐
 (c) City, State and ZIP Code Middleburg, FL 32050-1327
 2. DATE 1/15/92
 3. F.C. IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 000253948
 4. IS THIS STATEMENT AN AMENDMENT? ☒ YES ☐ NO

5. TYPE OF COMMITTEE (Check one)

- (a) This committee is a principal campaign committee. (Complete the candidate information below.)
 (b) This committee is an authorized committee, and is NOT a principal campaign committee. (Complete the candidate information below.)
 Name of Candidate James "BO" Gritz Candidate Party Affiliation Independent Office Sought President State/District NV
 (c) This committee supports/opposes only one candidate _____ and is NOT an authorized committee. (name of candidate)
 (d) This committee is a _____ committee of the _____ Party. (National, State or subordinate) (Democratic, Republican, etc.)
 (e) This committee is a separate segregated fund.
 (f) This committee supports/opposes more than one Federal candidate and is NOT a separate segregated fund or a party committee.

Name of Any Connected Organization or Affiliated Committee	Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Relationship
Populist Party	P.O. Box 1992 Ford City, PA 16226	Primary

Type of Connected Organization

☐ Corporation ☐ Corporation w/o Capital Stock ☐ Labor Organization ☒ Membership Organization ☐ Trade Association ☐ Cooperative

7. Custodian of Records: Identify by name, address (phone number - optional) and position of the person in possession of committee books and records.

Full Name Sandra W. Allen Mailing Address 1990 Red Bug Alley
Middleburg, FL 32068 Title or Position Treasurer

8. Treasurer: List the name and address (phone number - optional) of the treasurer of the committee; and the name and address of any designated agent (e.g., assistant treasurer).

Full Name Sandra W. Allen Mailing Address 1990 Red Bug Alley
Middleburg, FL 32068 Title or Position Treasurer

9. Banks or Other Depositories: List all banks or other depositories in which the committee deposits funds, holds accounts, rents safety deposit boxes or maintains funds.

Name of Bank, Depository, etc. First Union Bank Mailing Address and ZIP Code Middleburg, FL 32068

I certify that I have examined this Statement and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF TREASURER Sandra W. Allen SIGNATURE OF TREASURER Sandra W. Allen DATE 1/15/92

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For further information contact _____

FEC FORM

EXHIBIT M-1

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STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

(see reverse side for instructions)

1. (a) Name of Candidate (in full) James "BO" Gritz			☐ Check if address changed	2. Identification Number CO025394B
(b) Address (number and street) Box 472 HCR 31				
(c) City, State, and ZIP Code Sandy Valley, NV 89019				
3. Party Affiliation Independent	4. Office Sought President	5. State & District of Candidate Nevada Dist. 1		

DESIGNATION OF PRINCIPAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

6. I hereby designate the following named political committee as my Principal Campaign Committee for the _____ election(s).
(year of election)

NOTE: This designation should be filed with the appropriate office listed below.

(a) Name of Committee (in full)

(b) Address (number and street)

(c) City, State and ZIP Code

DESIGNATION OF OTHER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES

(Including Joint Fundraising Representatives)

7. I hereby authorize the following named committee, which is NOT my principal campaign committee, to receive and expend funds on behalf of my candidacy.

NOTE: This designation should be filed with the principal campaign committee.

AMERICA FIRST COALITION

(a) Name of Committee (in full)

4437 Highway 218 West, P.O. Box 1327

(b) Address (number and street)

MIDDLEBURG, NV 89050-1327

(c) City, State and ZIP Code

I certify that I have examined this Statement and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

Signature of Candidate

Date

January 15, 1992

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CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF:

President mail to:

U.S. Senate mail to:

U.S. House of Representatives mail to:

For further information contact:

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999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20463

Secretary of the Senate
Office of Public Records
222 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510-7118

Clerk of the House of Representatives
Office of Records and Registration
1038 Longworth Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515-8812

Federal Election Commission
Toll-free 800/434-8530
Local 202/376-3120

EXHIBIT M-2

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Jim Yarbrough's \$20,000 Ballot Access Black Hole

One of the most outrageous lies being spread by Willie Albert Carte and his henchmen is the one that the Populist Party expended virtually no money on ballot access in 1980. In fact, in the years 1980 and 1981, over \$20,000.00 in Populist Party funds was expended on ballot access by Carte's private, Jim Yarbrough of Gainesville, Georgia, without a single check being cashed.

Anyone involved in "third" party politics knows that ballot access is done by the state affiliates, with the help of grassroots activists, which the Ballot Access Coordinator oversees on a national basis. It is not done by the National Chairman from the national office, as Carte states in his Spotlight newspaper. And the current National Chairman of the Party, Don Wansell, has been the leader in ballot access going back to before the Party even formed on a national basis in 1967.



Jim Yarbrough

A state chairman of the Pennsylvania Populist Party, Wansell encouraged and oversaw the running of balloted Populist Party candidates in Pennsylvania for six consecutive years. In 1980, the Populist Party got on the ballot state-wide in Pennsylvania, collecting over 20,000 signatures, more than the rest of the country combined. This effort, too, was guided by Wansell. The majority of candidates who have ever run as balloted Populist Party candidates have run in Pennsylvania, in no small part because of the leadership of Wansell.

Wansell has from day one, urged Populists everywhere in the United States to run for office and learn about ballot access. He has led the way by example, as Party activists around the country know.

Carte and his employees have deliberately ignored the huge amounts of money spent by Yarbrough for ballot access. The \$20,000 figure is purely for expenses such as telephone bills, and does not include actual salary paid to Yarbrough.

When National Treasurer Phil Chesser began to question not only Yarbrough's failure to help ballot-qualify the Party in any states, but Yarbrough's blatant corruption and wasteful use of Party funds, he immediately attacked Yarbrough through a national temper tantrum and quit, considering Chesser at every opportunity, and becoming a ringleader of a tiny group of Party members who conspired with Carte and his employee Mike Papp in a plan to destroy the Populist Party and its elected leadership by killing the Party financially through ill-fated attacks.

Yarbrough has worked his way into and caused dissension in almost every conservative "third" party that has existed in the past quarter century, going back to the days of George Wallace and the American Independent Party, when Yarbrough first established his reputation as a pandered troublemaker.

Yarbrough's close attachment to Carte is impeccable in that Carte originally sought against Yarbrough being hired as the Party's Ballot Access Coordinator for the David Duke presidential campaign in 1980. Carte also wanted to have Yarbrough paid but \$400 per month for a full-time job, practically turn-of-the-century wages.

Yarbrough now bills himself as the "Third Vice Chairman" of the Georgia Populist Party.

EXHIBIT N

AFFIDAVIT

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania)

) SS:

County of Armstrong)

On this 22ND day of APRIL, 1992 personally appeared
before me the subscriber, one of the notary publics in and for said County
duly authorized to administer oaths, DONALD B. WASSALL of
314-B FORD CITY RD., FREEPORT PA who being duly sworn according to law,
doth depose and say, That all information contained
within this answer to a complaint listed
as MUR 3501 is true and accurate to
the best of my knowledge

and further deponent saith not.

Donald B. Wassall

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

22nd day of April, 1992.

Candice Lee Scholl
NOTARY PUBLIC

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Candice Lee Scholl, Notary Public
Ford City Boro., Armstrong County
My Commission Expires July 31, 1993

Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

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STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

MUR 3501

NAME OF COUNSEL: DONALD B. WASSALL

ADDRESS: BOX 100
FORD CITY PA 16226

TELEPHONE: 412-763-1225

The above-named individual is hereby designated as my
counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other
communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before
the Commission.

4/22/92
Date

Donald B. Wassall
Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: DONALD B. WASSALL

ADDRESS: 314-B FORD CITY RD.
FREEPORT, PA 16229

HOME PHONE: 412-295-9468

BUSINESS PHONE: 412-763-1225

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STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

MUR 3501

NAME OF COUNSEL:

Donald B. Wassall

ADDRESS:

Box 100

Ford City, Pennsylvania 16206

TELEPHONE:

412-763-1225

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the Commission.

4/27/92
Date

John C Justice
Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME:

John C Justice

ADDRESS:

1699 S 55th Ave

Cicero Illinois 60650

HOME PHONE:

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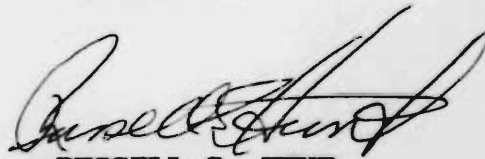
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

DEAR MR. BERNSTEIN:

RE: MUR 3501

I HAVE RETAINED MR. DON WASSALL AS MY COUNSEL.
I AM ENDORSING HIS ANSWER TO THIS COMPLAINT AS MY ANSWER.
ATTACHED IS A SIGNED DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL AND
A COPY OF MR WASSALL'S ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT.

SINCERELY,



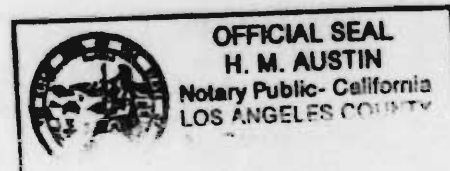
RUSSELL G. HUNT
1050 SAN PABLO
COSTA MESA, CA 92626

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28 DAY OF April, 1992

NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF
LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA.



STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

MUR 3505

NAME OF COUNSEL: DONALD B. WASSALL

ADDRESS: 314-B FORD CITY RD.

FREEPORT, PA 16229

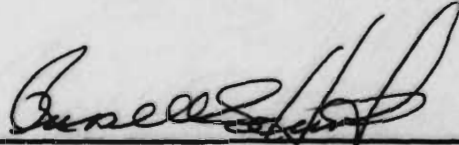
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The above-named individual is hereby designated as my
counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other
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the Commission.

April 28, 1992
Date


Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: RUSSELL G. HUNT

ADDRESS: 1050 SAN PABLO CIR

COSTA MESA, CA 92626

HOME PHONE: 714 540 0363

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4/25/92

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter will serve notice that the writer endorses
the answer of Donald B. Wessall in the matter of MUR 3501
and wish it to serve as my answer to this complaint.

Thomas S. Parker
Thomas S. Parker

*I have read and subscribed before me this 27th Day of
April, 1992.*

Jeannette Orms

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AFFIDAVIT

State of Texas

County of Upshur

On this 27th day of April, 1992, personally appeared before me the subscriber, one of the notary publics in and for said county, duly authorized to administer oaths, Thomas S. Parker of Wisteria Road, Ore City Texas who being duly sworn according to law, doth depose and say, That all information contained within this answer to a complaint listed as MUR 3501 is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Thomas S. Parker
Thomas S. Parker

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

27 day of April, 1992

Jeannette Orma
Notary Public

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STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

MUR 2501

NAME OF COUNSEL: Donald B. Wassall

ADDRESS: Box 100

Ford City, PA

412/763-1225

TELEPHONE: _____

The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

4/25/92
Date

Thomas S. Parker
Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: Thomas S. Parker

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 628

One City, TX 75683

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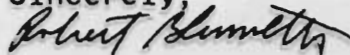
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4/25/92

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find my answer to MUR 3501, filed by Michael Piper. As National Secretary of the Populist Party of America, named as defendant in this action, let this serve as an endorsement of my answer by the Populist Party of America and thereby serve as the response in this matter for this entity.

Sincerely,



Robert Blumetti, National
Secretary of the Populist Party of America.

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STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

MUR 3501
NAME OF COUNSEL: DONALD WASSALL
ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 1989
FORD City, Pa. 16226
TELEPHONE: 412-763-1225

The above-named individual is hereby designated as my
counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other
communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before
the Commission.

4-25-92 Robert Blumetti
Date Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: Robert Blumetti
ADDRESS: 790 fucknive Rd 3-L
Yonkers NY 10710
HOME PHONE: 914-779-5064
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April 27, 1992

Mr. Jose Rodriguez
Assistant General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street NW
Washington, D. C. 20003

Re: MUR 3501

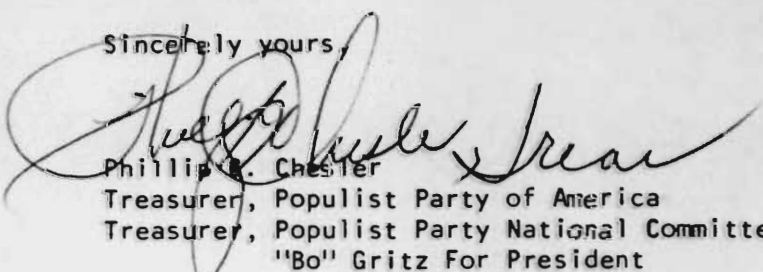
Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

I am in receipt of your letter dated April 10, 1992, including the Complaint, Procedures and Designation of Counsel Statement.

Enclosed please find Statement of Designation of Counsel attached. I would like to incorporate Populist Party Chairman response as my own, a copy of which is attached.

In addition to the above, I would like to point out that all the defendants in MUR 3501 are only those that have openly opposed Mr. Piper, his employer, Mr. Carto and others who have met in secret and conspired to destroy the Populist Party and its leadership.

Sincerely yours,


Phillip B. Chesler
Treasurer, Populist Party of America
Treasurer, Populist Party National Committee
"Bo" Gritz For President

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AFFIDAVIT

State of Missouri)
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County of Howell)

On this 27th day of April, 1992 personally appeared
before me the subscriber, one of the Notary Publics in and for said
County duly authorized to administer oaths, Sherry Chase
of 105 N. Walnut St. Willard, Mo
who being duly sworn according to law, doth depose and say That, all
information contained within this
Answer & a complaint listed as
MUR 3501 is true and accurate
to the best of my knowledge.

_____ and further deponent saith not.

Sherry Chase

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

27th day of April, 1992.

Brenda Lovelace

Notary Public

Brenda Lovelace

My commission expires May 23, 1995.

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STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

MUR 3501

NAME OF COUNSEL: Donald B. Wassall

ADDRESS: Box 100

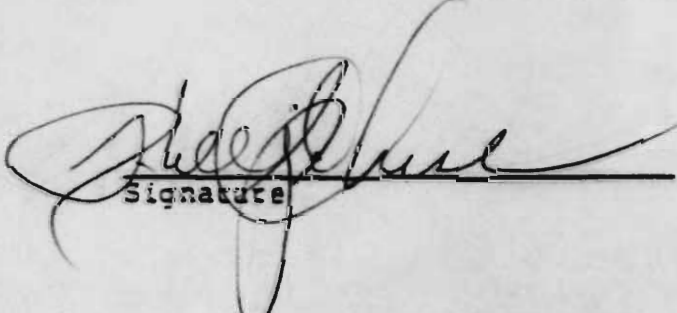
Ford City, Pa. 16226

TELEPHONE: 412-763-1225

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The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

April 27, 1992
Date


Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: Phillip G. Chesler

ADDRESS: Box 321

Willow Springs, Mo. 65793

HOME PHONE: 417-932-4682

BUSINESS PHONE: 417-469-2224

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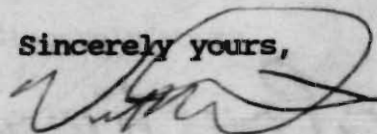
General Counsels' Office
Federal Election Commission
999 E. Street, NW
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Sir or Madame,

Re: MEIR 3501

Please be advised that I hereby endorse Mr. Donald B. Wassall's response to the above-captioned complaint filed by Mr. Michael Piper as my own; and furthermore, I designate Mr. Wassall as my legal counsel with regard to said complaint.

Sincerely yours,



Victor K. Sestokas

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

29th day of April, 1992

LENA H. CURREY
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
My Commission Expires Nov. 25, 1996

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STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL MAY 15 11 09 AM '92

MUR 3501

NAME OF COUNSEL: DONALD B. WASSALL

ADDRESS: Box 100

FORD CITY, PA 16226

TELEPHONE: 412-763-1225

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The above-named individual is hereby designated as my
counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other
communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before
the Commission.

5-6-92
Date

Jeff Wilkerson
Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: JEFF WILKERSON

ADDRESS: 5297 GARDEN HILLS CR
WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33415

HOME PHONE: 407-642-9606

BUSINESS PHONE: 407-689-0808

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AFFIDAVIT

State of Florida

County of Palm Beach

On this seventh day of May, 1992 personally appeared before me the subscriber, one of the notary publics in and for said County duly authorized to administer oaths, Jeff Wilkerson of 5297 Garden Hills Circle, West Palm Beach, Florida who being duly sworn according to law, doth depose and say, that Mr. Donald B. Wassall's answer to MUR 3501, filed by Mr. Michael Piper with the Federal Election Commission, shall serve as his and further deponent saith not.

Jeff Wilkerson

Sworn to and subscribed before me this seventh day of May, 1992.

Sherry K Hale

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FLORIDA;
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: FEB. 16, 1995;
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Jonathan Bernstein
Assistant General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
Washington, D.C. 20463

Dear Mr. Bernstein:

RE: MUR 3501

I am providing you photocopies of correspondence from my office to several official agencies. This correspondence bears directly on MUR 3501 and the activities of Donald B. Wassall, one of the respondents in this matter under review.

I am also providing a copy of a letter in which Mr. Wassall has made racist and anti-Jewish slurs. (I realize this is out of the FEC's venue, but I do believe that this should be in the public record.)

Also enclosed is a document entitled "Wassallgate" which outlines Mr. Wassall's activities in some frightening detail.

Best holiday wishes,



MICHAEL PIPER

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Elmer Huysman
10015 Twp Rd. 89
Findlay, OH 45840

6/26/92

Dear Mr. Huysman,

Thank you for renewing your membership in the Populist Party and for your letter of May 23. Regarding your sentiments regarding our defending ourselves legally against Willis Carto using his Liberty Lobby to try to destroy us, I can understand your position, but with all due respect it is not completely accurate.

Our law firm is not a Jewish law firm. Being located near Washington, D.C. it represents some Establishment interests, as do all law firms. What Carto has not told you is that he is the one using a Jewish lawyer --- Mark Lane has been on his payroll for years. Lane is a life-long leftist and is one of the heroes of the "civil rights" movement.

It was only after eight months straight of non-stop slanderous attacks that we had to file suit. We asked, we made conciliatory gestures, we did everything we could to stop this fight. Nothing we did worked. And it was only after we filed suit that the attacks finally started becoming less frequent. No one has the right to destroy someone else's character through libelous attacks, whether the attacker claims to be a "patriot" or not.

The cost of our suit will not be borne by the Populist Party membership. It is being done on a contingency basis. But Carto has filed a \$35 million lawsuit against us and is using Liberty Lobby money to do so. He is suing all the national leaders who supported me and would not back down during his attempts to ruin me. His vindictive suit will undoubtedly cost well over a hundred thousand dollars in legal fees, paid by Liberty Lobby supporters such as yourself.

We all have to make our own judgments and do what we think is right in life. I know you have been in this fight for many years and have great respect for you and your opinions. I just wanted to give you another side to the story.

Sincerely,

Don Wassall
Don Wassall



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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

132 Third Street, SE
Washington, D.C. 20003
November 20, 1992

Federal Bureau of Investigation
1900 Half Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20535
Attn: Squad C-9

Gentlemen:

Attached is a copy of a formal complaint filed with the Federal Election Commission regarding the activities of the Populist Party of America and its principals, notably one Don Wassall, an attorney based in Ford City, Pennsylvania where the Populist Party is headquartered. This complaint has been accepted by the FEC and the matter is under review.

I believe that the activities of Mr. Wassall, in particular, and the Populist Party bear scrutiny by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This is why I have sent a copy of this complaint to your office.

I should note, for the record, that I am a journalist and as such have published several articles exposing Mr. Wassall's activities. As a consequence, he filed a libel suit against several of my associates and me. We have, in turn, filed a counter-action against Mr. Wassall.

I would not have laid my reputation on the line to publish more severe charges against Mr. Wassall if I did not believe that he was engaged in activities which, if not illegal, are certainly immoral and unethical. As a consequence I am suggesting that the FBI review my FEC complaint and see if, in fact, there are indeed grounds to investigate Mr. Wassall.

I believe that the complaint with the FEC is only the tip of the iceberg and that your office will be able to pursue the matter even further.

Please feel free to contact me at the above address or at (202) 546-5611.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL PIPER

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132 Third Street, SE
Washington, D.C. 20003
November 20, 1992

K. C. Weaver
Regional Chief Postal Inspector
PO Box 3000
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

Dear Sir:

Attached is a copy of a formal complaint that I have filed with the Federal Election Commission regarding the fund-raising and direct mail activities of Donald B. Wassall, an attorney who operates an organization called the Populist Party out of an office in Ford City, Pennsylvania.

Please note in the text of this complaint that there are apparent postal regulation violations by Mr. Wassall and this, of course, would be under your jurisdiction.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL PIPER

CC: Postmaster Susan Bobbert
207 Main Street
McGrann, PA 16236

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132 Third Street, SE
Washington, D.C. 20003
November 20, 1992

Office of the Attorney General
Criminal Investigations
16th Floor - Strawberry Square
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find a copy of the complete text of a formal sworn complaint which I filed with the Federal Election Commission some months ago.

This complaint cites apparent federal election violations by the Ford City, Pennsylvania-based Populist Party which is operated by one Donald B. Wassall. As you will see, however, the basic thrust of the complaint goes well beyond simple election violations.

My study of this matter suggests that there could indeed be criminal violations that your office may wish to investigate.

I must advise you, for the record, that I am a journalist by profession and after I published a series of news articles describing the activities of Mr. Wassall, he filed a libel suit against my publisher and I. We have, in turn, since brought a counter action.

I note this primarily because it was my concern that Wassall and the Populist Party were engaged in dubious fund-raising activities that I initially wrote the articles.

I firmly believe that an investigative agency such as your division would uncover much more than I was able to do without any enforcement power and only able to examine the Populist Party's filings with the Federal Election Commission.

If you wish to contact me, please feel free to do so at the above address or at (202) 546-5611. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

In closing, incidentally, I would like to extend my congratulations to Attorney General Ernie Preate on his successful re-election campaign. As a former Pennsylvanian myself, I still keep an eye on events in the Keystone State.

Sincerely,

Michael Piper

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132 Third Street, SE
Washington, D.C. 20003
November 23, 1992

Assistant Disciplinary Counsel-in-Charge
District IV Office
Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
Suite 400, Union Trust Building
501 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219

Gentlemen:

I must preface my remarks by pointing out that I am not only a former one-year law student but also a journalist by profession. As a consequence, I have a clear understanding of the ramifications of filing such a complaint with your office. I do so in all seriousness and without frivolity.

As I noted in the Complaint Information Form, I have filed similar complaints against the attorney in question, Donald B. Wassall, with the following agencies: the Federal Election Commission, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Postal Service, and the Pennsylvania State Attorney General.

I believe that Mr. Wassall is clearly guilty of unethical behavior and, as my complaint against Mr. Wassall filed with the Federal Election Commission (attached as Exhibit A) points out, I also believe he is guilty of illegal acts. These are activities of which I, as a researcher, delving into public files at the Federal Election Commission, coupled with additional information available to me, have been able to pinpoint on my own.

However, I believe that further official inquiries into Mr. Wassall's activities by any of the aforementioned agencies would certainly uncover additional misdeeds and perhaps result in civil and/or criminal charges.

Mr. Wassall's activities which I believe to be unethical, at the very least and criminal at worst, do not formally arise from his status as an attorney. Instead, his activities stem from his status as the chairman, executive director and chief direct-mail fund-raiser for a monthly newspaper known as "The Populist Observer" and for the newspaper's affiliated political entity, the Populist Party of America, registered as such with the Federal Election Commission.

As an attorney, Mr. Wassall, however, has a special duty to administer his political and public affairs in a legal and responsible fashion. He has been trained in the law and in the legal code of ethics, both of which I believe he has skirted or otherwise abused and ignored. For this I suggest that Mr. Wassall be firmly disciplined.

My complaint to the FEC outlines several breaches of the law, including misuse of the Postal Service, which cast doubts about Wassall's legal trustworthiness as well as his capacity to follow the law. (I certainly wouldn't trust him to be my attorney).

Please allow me to briefly outline the nature of my past and present relationship with Mr. Wassall in order that you may more easily understand the thrust of this complaint.

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I began a business association with Mr. Wassall about mid-1984 in my capacity as a journalist for a Washington-based weekly newspaper. Wassall was a reader of the newspaper and expressed interest in involvement with a "third party" known as the Populist Party that was established by my newspaper.

In several years Mr. Wassall ultimately began office manager and executive director of the Populist Party's national headquarters in Pittsburgh, which office Wassall subsequently moved to Ford City, Pennsylvania and where, I assume, that headquarters is still located.

During this period I worked closely with Mr. Wassall (via telephone) on a regular basis and it was, I believed, a good working relationship. However, by mid-1990 it was obvious that there were many problems and divisions within the Populist Party under Wassall's leadership and our weekly newspaper began publishing articles critical of Mr. Wassall.

Wassall responded by publishing, in his own weekly newspaper, false, malicious and defamatory attacks on my employer and me, among others.

Then, inexplicably, attorney Wassall filed a ridiculous \$20,000,000 libel suit against my newspaper, its publisher and myself, among others. This nuisance suit has already cost my company some \$15,000 and, ultimately, will cost much, much more. This case, initially filed in the Armstrong County, Pennsylvania court, has since been moved to the federal court in Pittsburgh.

My publisher and I waited some six months before filing a counter-action, hoping that Wassall would come to his senses, recognize his silly action for what it was, and withdraw the suit. He did not and my publisher and I were forced to respond.

I have attached a copy of Mr. Wassall's libel suit as Exhibit B. This suit, as you can see, is clearly a nuisance suit. Mr. Wassall contends, among other things, that he was libeled by a written reference to him as a "political nerd."

Remember: this is an attorney who is bringing this lawsuit. What's more, this attorney, Mr. Wassall, is also very much a public figure as chairman of a nationally-organized political party and a frequent public speaker at political events around the country. Wassall knows full well that he is cluttering up the courts with this ridiculous libel nuisance suit that almost certainly will be laughed out of the courts.

Nonetheless, I contend that Mr. Wassall, as an attorney, should have known better than to bring this suit and that his action in so doing was a breach of legal ethics.

Contrast Mr. Wassall's "political nerd" complaint with the kind of things that he published in his newspaper about my employer and myself and others. Terms such as "alcoholic," "money laundering," "corruption," and even charges of womanizing were bandied about with little regard for the truth. Yet, attorney Wassall has filed his "political nerd" complaint. This is an embarrassment to Wassall's status as an attorney.

I am attaching as Exhibit C a letter dated 6/26/92 written and signed by Don Wassall and sent to a gentleman from Ohio. The Ohio man provided me the original copy of this letter.

Note that Wassall points out that the cost of my employer's libel counter-action will cost "well over a hundred thousand dollars." (The libel counter-action, of course, would have not have been brought had Mr. Wassall not brought his initial action. Clearly, Mr. Wassall's intention in bringing his suit was to tie us up in a costly lawsuit. He has succeeded in that.)

Note that Wassall—in print—also attacks our attorney because of his Jewish background, as though Mr. Lane's ethnicity has anything to do with the legal case. He also attacks Mr. Lane—a long-time close associate of Dr.

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Martin Luther King, Jr.—for having been involved in the civil rights movement. (Wassall places the term "civil rights" in quotation marks, as you can see.)

Gutter-level anti-Semitism and racism are frequently featured in Wassall's newspaper, the Populist Observer. He once even published a chart listing the percent of Jewish students at various colleges around the country.

All of this casts a sad light on Wassall as an attorney whose job it is to uphold the law—not to abuse it. His ethnic epithets also cast a sad light on Wassall as an attorney as well. I can't imagine that many Jewish people who are involved in the legal profession would be pleased to know that a fellow attorney is making such aspersions about people in print.

As a final point, I will mention that on April 5, 1991 The Salt Lake City Tribune reported that one Harry Bertram was charged with forging signatures of registered voters in Utah. Bertram, an employee of the Populist Party hired by Don Wassall, was fired from his post according to the Tribune.

The newspaper reported that Wassall had said that he had been "bamboozled" by Bertram and that the accused forger would never work for the Populist Party again. That was Wassall's line to the press. Several weeks after this Bertram was appointed by Wassall as West Virginia State Chairman of the Populist Party and hailed for his capabilities in Wassall's newspaper.

This suggests something about the character of an attorney who would excuse a criminal act of a political nature and then appoint an accused criminal into a leadership position.

Having said all of this, I will conclude by reiterating that I firmly believe that Mr. Wassall's behavior in several areas has been unethical at the least, and perhaps criminal at worst.

In light of my very serious complaint to the FEC (Exhibit A), outlining apparent repeated violations of the law and likely other violations—including income tax evasion—I believe that I may conclude by suggesting that "where there's smoke, there's fire."

It was because I was seeking to discipline Wassall on my own, by criticizing his actions in print, that Wassall responded by filing a lawsuit against me. Perhaps if I had thought the matter through more carefully I would have approached your agency initially. Alas, I did not.

However, I believe I have provided enough evidence that there is some reason to question not only Mr. Wassall's abilities as an attorney but also his integrity.

I am not asking the Disciplinary Board to intervene in what seemingly began as a political dispute. I am asking the Disciplinary Board to correct the misbehavior of an attorney who is a disgrace to his profession.

My efforts to expose Wassall's corruption have involved me in a costly libel suit. I was simply trying to protect the public from what I believed to be a racketeering, money-making enterprise run solely by and for the benefit of Don Wassall.

I hope that the Disciplinary Board and other appropriate agencies are able to do what I was not able to do. You have the power that I do not and it is your responsibility, difficult one though it may be. Simply put: I do not believe that Don Wassall should be permitted to have the privilege of practicing law.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL PIPER



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

December 17, 1992

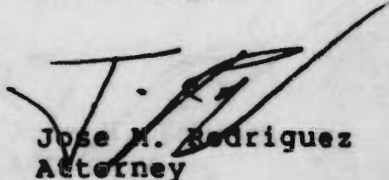
Michael Piper
300 Independence Avenue, S.E.
Washington, DC 20003

RE: MUR 3501

Dear Mr. Piper:

This letter acknowledges receipt on December 14, 1992, of the supplement to the complaint you filed on April 6, 1992, against The Populist Party of America, and its officers and executive personnel, and The Populist Observer. The respondents will be sent copies of the supplement. You will be notified as soon as the Federal Election Commission takes final action on your complaint.

Sincerely,


Jose M. Rodriguez
Attorney

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

December 17, 1992

John Justice, Executive Committee Member
Populist Party of America
1699 South 55th Avenue
Cicero, IL 60650

RE: MUR 3501

Dear Mr. Justice:

On April 10, 1992, you were notified that the Federal Election Commission received a complaint from Michael Piper alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. At that time you were given a copy of the complaint and informed that a response to the complaint should be submitted within 15 days of receipt of the notification.

On December 14, 1992, the Commission received additional information from the complainant pertaining to the allegations in the complaint. Enclosed is a copy of this additional information.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,


Jose M. Rodriguez
Attorney

Enclosure

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

December 17, 1992

Donald B. Wassal
314-B Ford City Road
Freeport, PA 16229

RE: MUR 3501

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December 17, 1992

Billy Chandler, National Parliamentarian
Populist Party of America
4556 East Vista Drive
Cottonwood, AZ 86326

RE: MUR 3501

Dear Mr. Chandler:

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Sincerely,


Jose M. Rodriguez
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Jonathan Bernstein, Esq.
Assistant General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
Washington, D.C. 20463

RE: MUR 3501

1/21/93

Dear Mr. Bernstein:

Several weeks ago I received a letter from Attorney Jose M. Rodriguez of your office, dated December 17, 1992, advising me that "additional information" had been filed by complainant Michael Piper in regard to MUR 3501. Mr. Rodriguez enclosed copies of Mr. Piper's cover letters to the FBI, regional postal inspector, the criminal investigations office of the Attorney General of Pennsylvania, and the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, all asking that various types of investigations be undertaken against me. A copy was also enclosed of a letter Mr. Piper had enclosed, written by me, that Mr. Piper offered as proof of my "anti-Semitism" and "racism," along with a copy of the "Wassallgate" document that Mr. Piper also filed with his original complaint.

Although Mr. Rodriguez's letter did not indicate that I and the other persons named in Mr. Piper's initial complaint (filed in April of 1992) needed to respond to this "additional information," upon reflection I would like to do so and hope you will consider the following along with our original response to Mr. Piper's complaint before rendering a final opinion on the merits of this MUR.

In his cover letter to the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, Mr. Piper refers to the libel suit filed by the respondents in MUR 3501 against Mr. Piper and six other defendants as a "ridiculous libel nuisance suit" that "almost certainly will be laughed out of court."

For the record, our libel suit is not a frivolous one. It was filed only after dozens of libelous publications by Mr. Piper and the other defendants over a period of many months, including the "Wassallgate" booklet he filed with his complaint against us with the FEC and continues to send all over the country. Also, for the record, Mr. Piper and other defendants have filed a Motion to Dismiss as well as a Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings in response to our

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libel suit. As Mr. Piper is aware, both motions were denied, more than sufficient proof that our libel suit is not a "nuisance suit" that "will be laughed out of court."

It should also be noted that Mr. Piper and others at Liberty Lobby counter-sued only those members of our Executive Committee who participated in the conference call and who agreed to sue them for libel, just as he has filed MUR 3501 against only those same individuals. (One member of our Executive Committee was not on the line when we agreed to sue for libel. Another abstained. Neither of those two individuals were named in either Piper's countersuit nor in MUR 3501.)

Although the above information is not legally relevant to the jurisdiction of the FEC and the Act, it is relevant to respond to Mr. Piper's misinformation and to give further evidence of his motive in filing MUR 3501.

In addition, since Mr. Piper filed "for the public record," in his words, a copy of an allegedly "racist and anti-Semitic" letter written by me, I feel the need to respond to this also, for the record. The letter in question, written 6/26/92, was sent in response to a member of our Party who had written asking why we were using a Jewish law firm in our libel suit against Mr. Piper and the other defendants. He had gleaned this incorrect information from reading the endless libelous attacks against me in the pages of that beacon of yellow journalism for which Mr. Piper writes, *The Spotlight*. My response merely was to inform him that the truth, like virtually everything else written by Mr. Piper regarding me, was the exact opposite --- that Piper's boss, Willis Carto, was the one who was using a Jewish lawyer in this case, not us. The intent of the letter was not to denigrate Jewish lawyers, but to convey accurate information to our supporter as Mr. Piper and his employer had thought it in their interest to publish false articles saying that I had hired a law firm that was hand-picked for me by well-heeled supporters of Israel. They in fact were the ones who made it seem like I had done something horrible by supposedly hiring a Jewish-backed firm.

In the same vein, Mr. Piper, in his cover letter to the Disciplinary Board of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, again accuses me, in my position as editor of *The Populist Observer*, of featuring "gutter level anti-Semitism."

It is interesting that along with his complaint about my "anti-Semitism," Mr. Piper includes a copy of his "Wassallgate" book of rantings, which, on the back page, includes a *Spotlight* reprint from May 6, 1991, written by Mr. Piper, which insinuates that I am an active agent for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, a well-known Jewish organization. (Exhibit A) (See also Exhibit G in our response to Mr. Piper's original complaint, a letter written by Mr. Piper wherein he praises *The Populist Observer* as a "great newsletter: it is a professionally-done affair and it does a great service to the party and it is also a credit to the party.")

Enclosed also, for your edification and for the "public record," is a copy of a letter written by Mr. Piper earlier this month, to another one of our supporters. (Exhibit B) In it, Mr. Piper writes that I am an "AIPAC-backed racketeer," and that AIPAC (the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee) is financing our libel suit against Mr. Piper and Liberty Lobby. Apparently, depending on which side of bed he gets out of on any given morning, Mr. Piper can't make up his mind whether I'm a raving anti-Semite or a powerful Zionist agent. Since Mr. Piper, relevant to 11 CFR §111.4 (b) (2) must file a complaint, the contents of which "shall be sworn to," such blatantly contradictory accusations certainly do raise interesting questions regarding his veracity.

I have never been accused, much less convicted, of criminal activity in my life. Similarly, as far as I know, the same is true of the other respondents named in

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Mr. Piper's MUR. Nor have I ever been accused of any kind of ethical violation or any other type of impropriety during the time I have practiced law. Nor have I ever been involved in a lawsuit, as a plaintiff or a defendant, before becoming a co-plaintiff in our libel suit against Mr. Piper and six others.

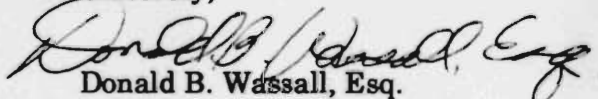
(It should also be noted that Mr. Piper is in violation of the Act, 11 CFR §111.21 (a), which states that "no complaint filed with the Commission . . . shall be made public. . . by any person or entity without the written consent of the respondent to whom the complaint was filed. . ." Such written permission has not been given by the respondents in MUR 3501, yet Mr. Piper has on more than one occasion mentioned MUR 3501 in the pages of *The Spotlight*, as well as in an interview with the newspaper in the town where the Populist Party has its national headquarters. (Exhibits C, D and E. In fact Mr. Piper has gone even far beyond that. In Exhibit D *The Spotlight* offers to send copies of Piper's complaint to anyone sending a self-addressed, 29-cent stamped envelope; in Exhibit E, a newspaper interview from May of 1992, Mr. Piper is quoted as saying the FEC has agreed to audit the Populist Party of America's financial records.) These violations of FEC regulations show that Mr. Piper's motivation in this matter is to embarrass and damage reputations by the mere act of filing his complaint.)

Our chief attorney in our libel suit against Mr. Piper, Jeffrey R. DeCaro (phone # 301-306-4300) of the law firm of DeCaro Doran, has indicated that an amended complaint of our libel suit is about to be filed, incorporating Mr. Piper's letters urging investigations of me as part of our action against him. That should be filed in federal court in Pittsburgh by the time you receive this letter. We are also looking into the possibility of asking a prosecutor to bring a charge of criminal harassment against Mr. Piper because of his continuing vendetta against me and the damage his spurious accusations are causing to my reputation.

It is our position that much of Mr. Piper's MUR complaint against us is of a personal nature and is not legally relevant under the Act, and that the rest of his complaint is without evidence to back up his charges. I would also like to add, as I did in our initial response to this matter, that the Populist Party of America at all times since its founding in 1987 has made a good faith effort to file all reports required by the FEC in a timely and accurate manner, and that we have always responded quickly when clarifications and amendments have been requested of us, and that the FEC has never indicated to us that we were doing anything in violation or in possible violation of federal election laws. If the FEC had ever so indicated, such practice would have been corrected immediately.

I believe I speak for all of the respondents named in MUR 3501 when I say that I hope the FEC will see this matter as the meritless complaint that it is. I regret that Mr. Piper's dislike of me has caused other innocent parties to be brought into his vendetta, and hope that your office will decide this matter soon.

Sincerely,


Donald B. Wassall, Esq.

copies (with enclosures) to:

Jose M. Rodriguez, Esq.

Jeffrey R. DeCaro, Esq.

individual respondents named in MUR 3501

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Why Did Wassall Agree to Talk With Known ADL Agent McCalden?

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Birds of a feather do flock together. Ford City direct mail fund-raiser Don Wassall once admitted to The SPOTLIGHT that he had been in contact with the notorious ADL hatchet man, David McCalden, who published a newsletter which was heavily laced with malicious attacks on The SPOTLIGHT and its staff.

Although Wassall had been warned to avoid McCalden, he eagerly spent nearly an hour trading private information with the ADL man (who has since died). Wassall parrots McCalden's ADL smears in his own publication.

EXHIBIT A

(Reprinted From The SPOTLIGHT, May 6, 1991)

WAWZ
ZARE PATIK, N.J.

TO: Joseph Plonski
FM: Michael Collins Piper

Sorry for the delay in responding. I think the enclosed document, WASSALLGATE, along with other articles we've published about this AIPAC-backed racketeer (which you've probably seen in The SPOTLIGHT) explains the whole story. Actually, there's a lot more to Wassall than meets the eye.

The law firm that Wassall has hired to harass The SPOTLIGHT (for, among other things, calling him a "political nerd") is the law firm of J. Peter O'Malley, the close friend and confidant of millionaire sports tycoon Abe Pollin, the former president of the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee. Who's financing Wassall's lawsuit? Guess.

What a shame that Vic Sestokas is now a defendant in our lawsuit against Wassall and his associates. Our attorneys tell us we have a very good chance of prevailing and that the lawsuit by Wassall and Sestokas and company will probably be thrown out.

Contrary to what Wassall claims, attacks on Don Wassall are not attacks on the Populist Party. He is a very clever operator (with very shifty eyes, as many people have pointed out) and he's fooled a lot of people. Don't be fooled, too, Mr. Plonski. He fooled me. Now I'm paying the price.

Real Populists will rid the Populist Party of Don Wassall.

Cordially


MICHAEL COLLINS PIPER

P.S. Rumor has it that Wassall's grandfather
is the Mike Wassell who was Meyer Lansky's
closest friend. We have a private eye
looking into this.

(EXHIBIT B)

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Embarrasses Buchanan



ABE POLLIN
... Israeli lobby leader shares
lawyer with Wassall.



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suit.



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lated. Wassall, however, refused to
do so.

Although Wassall had told Pop-
ulist Party members the suit would
not cost the party a cent, he an-
nounced later that if the suit were
dropped the Populist Party would
then be liable for legal fees already
incurred.

and forced Liberty Lobby to respond
with its own 27-page counteraction
which targets some 100 or more
false, malicious and defamatory li-
bels which Wassall published in some
different publications over the course

of several months.

While Wassall's libel action in-
cludes, among other things, the com-
plaint that Wassall was labeled a
"political nerd" and a "yo-yo," Liberty
Lobby's libel action is far more prob-
able and serious.

Now here is something very pecu-
liar that needs to be publicly

may use the forum of the courtroom
action as a means whereby to embar-
rass populist Republican presiden-
tial hopeful Pat Buchanan.

Part of Wassall's lawsuit contends
The SPOTLIGHT "labeled" Wassall

by reporting that Buchanan had re-
jected Wassall's overtures by refus-
ing to accept the Populist Party's
presidential nomination.

While this is clearly not libelous,
the puppeteers manipulating Was-
sall evidently made the inclusion of
this questionable count a priority
before they would provide Wassall
with support.

As a direct result of Buchanan's
name being dragged into the midst of
the lawsuit by Wassall and his back-
ers, the syndicated columnist and
presidential contender may be re-
quired to testify in the courtroom. ©

jections at State Department?

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

the plaintiff Federal Election Commission prays
that:

that defendant Liberty Lobby, Inc. violated 2 U.S.C.
by making \$268,056.67 in prohibited corporate
contributions to the Populist Party during 1984 as described
in Count 1;

that defendant Cordite Fidelity, Inc. violated
§ 441b(a) by making \$82,346.99 in prohibited
contributions to the Populist Party during 1984 as
in Count 3;

Ford City promoter Don Wassall
has repeatedly claimed Liberty
Lobby and The SPOTLIGHT have
been "in trouble" with the Federal
Election Commission (FEC) for
having illegally "taken" money
from the Populist Party. However,
the facts prove otherwise.

Reproduced at left is the pertinent
part of the FEC's most recent
nuisance suit filed against The
SPOTLIGHT and its publisher.
The civil action, filed in federal
court, seeks damages against the
populist weekly and Liberty
Lobby not for having taken
money from the Populist Party,
but, instead, for having given
money to the Populist Party.

This, of course, is precisely the
opposite of what Wassall and the
Ford City Gang have been claim-
ing. The wording of the FEC's law-
suit speaks for itself and belies
the falsity of Wassall's version of
the truth.

Interestingly enough, Wassall
and the Ford City Gang them-
selves are now under investiga-
tion by the FEC in an inquiry des-
ignated "Matter Under Review
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Letters

DIVISIVE

What a shame Don Wassall's Ford City Gang rejected the wise advice of Lt. Col. James "Bo" Gritz and opted to file a nuisance suit against Liberty Lobby (SPOTLIGHT, Nov. 18, 1991). I can't think of anything more divisive and harmful to the Gritz campaign.

The very fact Wassall has hired a law firm linked to the Israel lobby and the Rockefeller empire shows exactly who is secretly backing Wassall.

DALLAS NAYLOR
Mifflin, Pennsylvania

If Wassall had spent more time and money over the last two years trying to put the Populist Party (and Gritz) on the ballot instead of filing lawsuits and publishing attacks on The SPOTLIGHT, Gritz would be on a lot more ballots than he is today.

BOYD GODLOVE
Prince Frederick, Maryland

I understand the Ford City Gang is under investigation for possible violations of federal election law. Where could I get further information about the particulars of this inquiry?

IVY LEE BURNETT
Canyon Country, California
(To obtain a copy of the

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sworn statement outlining apparent election violations by the Ford City Gang, send a self-addressed, 29-cent stamped business-size No. 10 envelope to The SPOTLIGHT, 300 Independence Ave. SE, Washington, D.C. 20003.—Ed.)

PEROTMANIA

The thought has entered my mind many times in the past few months that Ross Perot is at risk both before and after he gets government "protection" in the form of the Secret Service.

Many of us have been dealt bad hands and sold out by two-faced types in various ways. I'd rather play it safe than hope nobody can get to him.

JOHN F. SISSON
Arvada, Colorado

The Establishment media are attacking Perot's assertion that our government is covering up their abandonment of our military POW/MIAs in Southeast Asia with almost the same fervor we saw when Oliver Stone offered his theory that our government was involved in the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

A recent issue of U.S. News & World Report offers government audits and investigations and procedures as "contradictory" evidence



to Perot's claim because these reports conclude there were "no improprieties" in the government's investigation of POW/MIA cases. This is like taking the word of the CIA that they have never been involved in assassinations.

ERIC COO
Murray, Kentucky

I'm glad Mike Blair, in "Perot Ambush in Works & Bush Buddies," referred to Ross Perot as a "populist" rather than a "Populist."

Perot is certainly no Constitutionalist. The transcending issue to this voter is the Constitution's ultimate insurance policy: the Second Amendment. Perot's position vis-a-vis so-called gun control has been all over the board.

ROBERT G. WHEATON
San Antonio, Texas

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HARRISBURG (AP) — Pennsylvanians who buy or lease vehicles would get a slight break in their taxes under bills approved by the Senate Transportation Committee.

The measure, approved Tuesday, would amend tax provisions passed last summer that add money to the Public Transportation Assistance Fund. The fund helps pay for the state's mass transit systems.

One of the bills would exclude a 61-cent tire charge on newly purchased vehicles.

Sen. Clarence D. Bell, R-Delaware, said the original tax was meant for replacement tires, not for tires on newly-bought vehicles.

Sen. Barry J. Stout, D-Washington, who opposed the bill, said the current interpretation of the tax helps generate much-needed revenue. The bill was approved by an 8-3 vote.

"It (the bill) will obviously reduce the amount of revenue into mass transit aid," Stout said at the committee meeting. "We have serious problems in this commonwealth in funding mass transit."

Stout also said \$6, which includes a tax on the spare tire, is not a lot of money when compared with the thousands of dollars spent on a new car.

Bell called Stout, "If this is so little money, why are you fighting it so much?"

Committee members had no estimate on how much money the state would lose if the bill is approved.

Concert tonight



Kittanning Township Elementary sixth graders Nicole Bear, left, and Dana Gradwell play their saxophones during a practice session for tonight's band concert at the Elderton High School gym. The Elderton Junior High Band will perform along with a combined Elderton Elementary and Kittanning Township Elementary band. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. (Doug Beedivest)

Layoffs

(Continued from Page 1)

The latest layoff of 40 union miners became official Monday, Clements said, adding that the workers were laid off because of low productivity and high mining costs at Jane, which he said is one of RMP's oldest mines.

Those miners join 20 who were laid off last month at the mine because of reduced contract coal purchases by Pennstar for the Keystone Power Plant, Clements said.

Jane is one of five mines between Sheldahl and Elderton that make up RMP's subsidiary, Keystone Coal Mining Corp.

Ken Airhart, president of United Mine Workers Local 1412, said the situation is "pretty depressing." The company is asking for higher productivity from fewer workers, he said.

There currently are 178 workers at the Jane mine, he said.

Clements said the Keystone mines have not been able to maintain coal costs that are competitive with the spot market. The income brought for the power plant dropped from \$1.5 million in 1991 to 3.7 million in 1992, Clements said, adding that the difference is made up by coal bought on the spot market.

The Keystone mines cost was \$34 a ton last year, while spot market coal cost roughly \$28 a ton.

However, Clements said RMP is improving the technology at the Jane mine and taking other steps to improve the productivity and reduce cost of the coal.

Clements said the amount of coal to be purchased in 1993 for the power plant is expected to be decreased later this month or next. He declined to speculate on whether the layoffs could be further reduced.

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RD2

James L. Shalby, East Brady
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RD2

Allegheny Valley

James Wilson, on
Joan Schwabinger, Prospect
Dana Reedy, Apollo

Brookville

Theresa Spitt, Charleston
Margaret Park, Brookville
Lela Moore, Brookville
Robert Hill, Charon RD1
Ralph Kammuth, Mayport
RD1
Marie Wells, District

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production of taxes, the eventual elimination of income taxes and reduction of foreign aid.

Piper said a rift began between the Liberty Lobby group and the Communist Party about three years

over the removal of speakers at a committee meeting.

Last year, Wessell filed a suit against the SPOTLIGHT, Piper said, accusing the SPOTLIGHT of making libelous statements about him.

Piper also has filed a complaint with the Federal Election Commission, asking for an FEC to audit the Communist Party's financial records, a Freedom of Information Act request.

Emergency landing made at pickle farm

OLPIN TOWNSHIP — Armstrong County Emergency Management Agency Director C. Paul Stennis reported a Cessna Cherokee airplane made an emergency landing at 10:30 a.m. Sunday on Myers Pickle Farm due to a loss of oil pressure. The pilot was identified as Bernard Kapos of Ohio.

Stennis said the pilot was alone and was not injured. He said Kapos made the emergency landing after taking off from McVie Airport enroute to Lehigh. He said damages to the plane were mainly to the front landing gear.

Stennis said he was called in by the Federal Aviation Administration to investigate the incident.

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THE READER IS REFERRED TO ADDITIONAL MICROFILM LOCATIONS
FOR THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS PERTINENT TO THIS CASE

1. Memo, General Counsel to the Commission, dated September 22, 1992, Subject: Priority System Report.
See Reel 354, pages 1590-94.
2. Memo, General Counsel to the Commission, dated April 14, 1993, Subject: Enforcement Priority System.
See Reel 354, pages 1595-1620.
3. Certification of Commission vote, dated April 28, 1993.
See Reel 354, pages 1621-22.
4. General Counsel's Report, In the Matter of Enforcement Priority, dated December 3, 1993.
See Reel 354, pages 1623-1740.
5. Certification of Commission vote, dated December 9, 1993.
See Reel 354, pages 1741-1746.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Michael Piper
300 Independence Avenue, S.E.
Washington, DC 20003

RE: MUR 3501

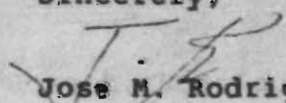
Dear Mr. Piper:

On April 6, 1992, the Federal Election Commission received your complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act").

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to take no action against The Populist Party of America and its treasurer and officers, or The Populist Observer. See attached narrative. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter. This matter will become part of the public record within 30 days.

The Act allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

Sincerely,


Jose M. Rodriguez
Attorney

Attachment
Narrative

DEC 09 1993

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MUR 3501

Populist Party of America

This matter was initiated by a complaint filed by Michael Piper, an individual associated with a separate faction of the Populist Party. The complaint alleged that the Committee had failed to disclose its affiliated committees; commingled committee funds with personal funds; and violated certain reporting, fundraising, and recordkeeping provisions. Respondents contended that the Committee was not affiliated with any other committee, the Committee did not commingle its funds with personal funds, and that none of the other allegations were accurate.

Although the allegations were numerous, there was no indication of any serious intent by Respondents to violate the Act, the case had little or no impact on the process, and the case involved several defunct entities. Moreover, there were no substantial amounts or significant issues relative to the other issues pending before the Commission involved in the alleged violations.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

DEC 10 1993

Billy Chandler, National Parliamentarian
Populist Party of America
4556 East Vista Drive
Cottonwood, AZ 86326

RE: MUR 3501

Dear Mr. Chandler:

On April 10, 1992, the Federal Election Commission notified you of a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint was enclosed with that notification.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to take no action against you. See attached narrative. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter.

The confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record prior to receipt of your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record when received.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,


Jose M. Rodriguez
Attorney

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Narrative

Date the Commission voted to close the file:

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MUR 3501

Populist Party of America

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Although the allegations were numerous, there was no indication of any serious intent by Respondents to violate the Act, the case had little or no impact on the process, and the case involved several defunct entities. Moreover, there were no substantial amounts or significant issues relative to the other issues pending before the Commission involved in the alleged violations.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

DEC 10 1993

Donald B. Wassal
314-B Ford City Road
Freeport, PA 16229

RE: MUR 3501
Populist Party of America
Phillip G. Chesler, treasurer
Tom Parker
Robert Blumetti
Russel Hunt
Vic Sestokas
Jeff Wilkerson
The Populist Observer

Dear Mr. Wassal:

On April 10, 1992, the Federal Election Commission notified you and the above captioned individuals and entities of a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. Copies of the complaint were enclosed with the notifications.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to take no action against you or any of the listed individuals or entities. See attached narrative. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter.

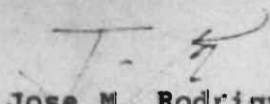
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219-3690.

Sincerely,


Jose M. Rodriguez
Attorney

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MUR 3501

Populist Party of America

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Although the allegations were numerous, there was no indication of any serious intent by Respondents to violate the Act, the case had little or no impact on the process, and the case involved several defunct entities. Moreover, there were no substantial amounts or significant issues relative to the other issues pending before the Commission involved in the alleged violations.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

DEC 10 1993

Billy Chandler, National Parliamentarian
Populist Party of America
4556 East Vista Drive
Cottonwood, AZ 86326

RE: MUR 3501

Dear Mr. Chandler:

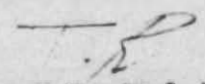
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Jose M. Rodriguez
Attorney

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MUR 3501

Populist Party of America

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Although the allegations were numerous, there was no indication of any serious intent by Respondents to violate the Act, the case had little or no impact on the process, and the case involved several defunct entities. Moreover, there were no substantial amounts or significant issues relative to the other issues pending before the Commission involved in the alleged violations.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

DEC 10 1993

John Justice, Executive Committee Member
Populist Party of America
1699 South 55th Avenue
Cicero, IL 60650

RE: MUR 3501

Dear Mr. Justice:

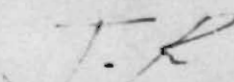
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Sincerely,


Jose M. Rodriguez
Attorney

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MUR 3501
Populist Party of America

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Although the allegations were numerous, there was no indication of any serious intent by Respondents to violate the Act, the case had little or no impact on the process, and the case involved several defunct entities. Moreover, there were no substantial amounts or significant issues relative to the other issues pending before the Commission involved in the alleged violations.

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