



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

November 4, 1998

John Isaacson  
646 West Galena  
Butte, Montana 59701

Dear Mr. Isaacson:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 26, 1998. The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended and Commission Regulations require that the contents of a complaint meet certain specific requirements. Your letter did not meet these requirements. Although your letter was signed in the presence of a notary public and notarized, it was not sworn to, as required.

In order to file a legally sufficient complaint, you must swear before a notary that the contents of your complaint are true to the best of your knowledge and the notary must represent as part of the jurat that such swearing occurred. The preferred form is "Subscribed and sworn to before me on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 19\_\_." A statement by the notary that the complaint was sworn to and subscribed before him/her also will be sufficient.

Please note that this matter will remain confidential for a 15 day period to allow you to correct the defects in your complaint. If the complaint is corrected and refiled within the 15 day period, the respondents will be so informed and provided a copy of the corrected complaint. The respondents will then have an additional 15 days to respond to the complaint on the merits. If the complaint is not corrected, the file will be closed and no additional notification will be provided to the respondents.

We regret the inconvenience that these requirements may cause you, but we are not statutorily empowered to proceed with the handling of a compliance action unless all the statutory requirements are fulfilled. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

*Retha Dixon*  
Retha Dixon  
Docket Manager

cc: Donald Peoples, President  
MSE, Inc.  
Committee of Sen. Christopher Bond  
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