

## REPORTS ANALYSIS REFERRAL

DATE: June 16, 2004

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- I. COMMITTEE: Mike Crotts for Congress Inc  
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Vicki Gibbs, Treasurer  
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- II. RELEVANT STATUTE: 11 CFR §400.9 (b)  
11 CFR §400.21 (b)

## III. BACKGROUND:

Failure to timely file a 24-Hour Notice of Expenditure from Candidate's Personal Funds (FEC FORM 10)

Mike Crotts for Congress Inc ("the Committee") failed to timely file an FEC FORM 10 after exceeding the \$350,000 reporting threshold for expenditures from the candidate's personal funds for the 2004 Primary Election.

Presented below is a summary of the reports filed and the Reports Analysis Division's (RAD) communications with the Committee.

On October 14, 2003, the Committee filed the 2003 October Quarterly Report. This report disclosed the receipt of three loans from the personal funds of Mike Crotts ("the Candidate") on Line 13a (Made or guaranteed by the candidate) totaling \$13,400. Schedule A (Image # 23992047674) and Schedule C (Image #s 23992047681 and 23992047682) disclose a \$10,000 loan incurred on July 3, 2003, and a \$3,400 loan incurred on August 11, 2003. Both loans were designated for the 2004 Primary Election. Schedule B (Image # 23992047676) and Schedule C also show that the loans were paid in full by the Committee, on September 11, 2003 and September 3, 2003, respectively. On December 9, 2003, the Committee filed an Amended October Quarterly Report (microfilm #23992430482). The information regarding the candidate loans was unchanged.

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On April 15, 2004, the Committee filed the 2004 April Quarterly Report. This report disclosed the receipt of three loans from the personal funds of the Candidate on Line 13a (Made or guaranteed by the candidate) totaling \$426,500. Schedule A (Image # 22991071834) and Schedule C (Image #s 22991071853 – 22991071856) show a \$20,000 loan incurred on February 12, 2004, a \$16,500 loan incurred on March 26, 2004, and a \$400,000 loan incurred on March 31, 2004. All three loans were designated to the 2004 Primary Election. As of March 31, 2004, the total expenditures from the Candidate's personal funds for the 2004 Primary Election totaled \$449,900, which exceeds the reporting threshold of \$350,000 for principal campaign committees of candidates for the House of Representatives.

On April 20, 2004, a Request for Additional Information (RAFI) referencing the 2004 April Quarterly Report was sent by RAD to the Committee (microfilm #24038390700). Within the RAFI it was noted that the Committee failed to timely file the FEC FORM 10 and requested that the Committee either clarify the disclosure of the Candidate's expenditures or immediately file information regarding corrective action to be taken by the Committee which includes filing FEC FORM 10.

On May 18, 2004, the Committee filed an Amended 2004 April Quarterly Report (microfilm #24961347995). The information regarding the candidate loans remained the same.

Also on May 18, 2004, the Committee filed an FEC FORM 10 forty-seven (47) days late (microfilm #24038413128). The FEC FORM 10 accurately disclosed \$449,900 in expenditures from the Candidate's personal funds for the 2004 Primary Election.

On May 20, 2004 a RAD Analyst left a message for Vicki Gibbs, the Committee's treasurer, requesting that she return the Analyst's call. Ms. Gibbs called the Analyst back later that same day. The Analyst stated that the reason for the phone call was to ascertain why the Committee had not filed the FEC FORM 10 in a timely manner. Ms. Gibbs said that the late submission of the FEC FORM 10 was due to oversight on her part (Attachment #3).

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

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