Pseudonym Lists

Background: 11 CFR 104.3(e)(5) allows a political committee to submit up to ten pseudonyms on each report filed, in order to determine whether the names of its contributors are being used to solicit contributions or for commercial purposes in violation of 11 CFR 104.15. If pseudonyms are used within a report, the committee is required to send a list of the pseudonyms, under separate cover, directly to the Reports Analysis Division at the Federal Election Commission, on or before the date on which any report is filed with the Secretary of the Senate or the Commission. The Commission has the responsibility of maintaining the pseudonym list; however, the list shall be excluded from the public record.

Processing: Pseudonym lists should never be copied, filmed, imaged or placed on the public record. All pseudonym lists, even those incorrectly attached to a report, should be extracted from the report and date-stamped and forwarded to RAD within 48 hours.

Storage: The Reports Analysis Division (RAD) is responsible for the filing, storage, retrieval, and maintenance of any pseudonym list received by the FEC. Requests for information concerning pseudonym lists maintained by the FEC should be directed to the Compliance Branch Chief within RAD.

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