

August 10, 1996

Federal Elections Commission Office of the General Council 999 E Street N.W. Washington, D.C. 20463

RE: AOR 1996-35



To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing in regard to a request by the Green Party USA to be named the official Green Political Party in the United States.

As a candidate for Congress in 1992 whose successful campaign helped to establish the Missouri Green Party in the Ninth District of Missouri, I strongly urge you NOT TO DESIGNATE the Green Party USA as the officially recognized Green Party.

The Green Party USA did not contribute to my campaign in any way. I never sought any help from the Green Party USA. I have never been a member of the Green Party USA and the Missouri Green Party was not associated with the Green Party USA in 1992 when I was a candidate for Congress, nor in 1994 when I was the Missouri Green Party's candidate for the Boone County Commission.

The Green Party USA has a long tradition of attempting to use the electoral gains by other Greens to advance their own purposes. I denounce their attempt to steal the credit earned by me and my supporters who have worked hard to gather signatures, to inform voters, to raise money and to get votes for my two campaigns as a Green Party candidate.

I urge you to recognize Green parties on a state-by-state basis, and to defer any national party recognition until there is true national aggregation of officially recognized state parties.

If you have any questions or if I can assist you in this matter, please contact me at the address or telephone number below.

Sincerely,

Jeff Barrow