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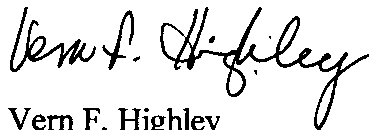
April 23, 2001

To The Attention Of: Secretary of the Senate

Regarding: Change of Address  
Apology for Late Filing, July 1, 2,000 – December 31, 2000

- (1) Please change your records to reflect my new mailing address as noted on the letterhead.
- (2) I apologize for not filing my Lobby Reports until this date for the period covering July 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000. In the process of relocating my office from files from Northern Virginia to Central California earlier this year, many of my files and suspense records were inadvertently commingled and I have not yet fully reconciled them. Evidently my notice information regarding the filing of Lobby Reports were involved in the chaotic shuffling of my records.
- (3) I am attaching the completed forms covering the period July 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000.

Thank You,

  
Vern F. Highley



Clerk of the House of Representatives Legislative Resource Center B-106 Cannon Building Washington, DC 20515	Secretary of the Senate Office of Public Records 232 Hart Building Washington, DC 20510
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# LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - All Filers Are Required To Complete This Page

1. Registrant Name <u>VERN F. HIGHLEY</u>			
2. Address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported <u>452 W. NEES, No. 168, FRESNO, CA 93711</u>			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City: _____ State/Zip (or Country) _____			
4. Contact Name <u>SAME</u>	Telephone <u>559-261-1701</u>	E-mail (optional) <u>vernhighley@sierratele.com</u>	5. Senate ID # <u>18227-</u>
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self <u>NATIONAL WATERMELON ASSN.</u>			6. House ID # <u>3116400</u>

**TYPE OF REPORT** 8. Year 2000 Midyear (January 1-June 30)  OR Year End (July 1-December)

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report

10. Check if this is a Termination Report  ⇒ Termination Date \_\_\_\_\_

11. No Lobbying

## INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13

<p><b>12. Lobbying Firms</b></p> <p>INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> ⇒ \$ _____ Income (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p>Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).</p>	<p><b>13. Organizations</b></p> <p>EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> ⇒ \$ _____ Expenses (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p><b>14. REPORTING METHOD.</b> Check box to indicate accounting method. See instructions for description of:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definitions</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033 Internal Revenue Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162 Internal Revenue Code</p>
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name and Title \_\_\_\_\_

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Registrant Name VERN F. HIGHLEY Client Name NATIONAL WATERMELON ASS.

**LOBBYING ACTIVITY.** Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant is engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code, provide information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code AGR (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Pesticide Issues; Farm Worker Legislation; Trade, Transportation, and Energy Matters; OSHA Regulations; Food Safety.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted  Check if None

House  
Senate  
USDA, EPA, OSHA, DOL, DOE, FDA

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
<u>VERN F. HIGHLEY</u>	

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above  Check if None

Signature Vern F. Highley Date 4-23-01  
Printed Name and Title VERN F. HIGHLEY, GOV'T RELATIONS

