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Dear Mr. Gibson:

This refers to your letter of November 9, 1998 that acknowledges receipt of my letter of November 9<sup>th</sup> and advises the possible action the Commission may choose to initiate against the BLE.

First, please accept my apology for not responding sooner to your letter. An error within my office placed your letter in the improper action pile and I discovered it today. Since the staff has the day off, I cannot confer with Ms. Linda Thomson who prepares the reports for the BLE. I must presume she has already addressed this issue and filed the necessary corrections.

Second, the BLE strives to be in compliance with the Federal Election Campaign Act and plans to implement new computer software this year to prevent extra work for both of our offices. While you may not be able to endorse a specific product, I would appreciate any information you could provide me about the available computer software packages that meet your requirements.

Last, in the hopefully unlikely event the FEC needs to draw my attention to a possible inconsistency with a BLE report. Please send a courtesy copy Ms. Linda Thomson, Director Personnel, so that she may address the matter in a more timely manner. Thank you for your consideration and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Russell W. Bennett  
General Secretary-Treasurer

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