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RE: The ASCAP Legislative Fund for the Arts
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Mid-Year Report (1/1/97 - 6/30/97)
and Year-End Report (7/1/97 - 12/31/97)

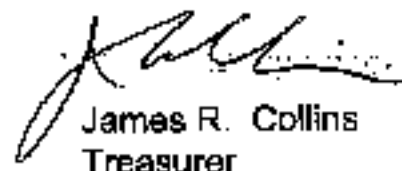
This is in response to your letters dated April 15, 1998 concerning the above referenced reports.

The ASCAP Legislative Fund for the Arts is a non-connected political committee and does not have a federal account. The committee is operated exclusively by volunteers and all funds have been raised by volunteers on their personal time. Thus, the committee has incurred very little administrative costs. To date, all administrative and overhead costs, i.e., rent, postage, office, supplies, etc. have been contributed in-kind by ASCAP and have been appropriately disclosed on Line 21 (b) of the above referenced reports.

At the time of solicitation, contributors were asked to provide the name of their employer as well as their occupation. If the information was not provided, a written request explaining Federal Election Commission requirements was sent to the individual. The persons contributing in the period you have questioned have all been reported as disclosed on their contribution forms. Many of these individuals used a dash (-) to indicate that they have no employer. In the future, the committee will report this as "NONE" instead of with a dash as previously reported.

If you have additional questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,


James R. Collins
Treasurer

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