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Robert E. Gleason, Treasurer
International Longshoremen's Association
AFL-CIO Committee on Political
Education ILA-COPE
17 Battery Place
New York, NY 10004

Identification Number: C00158576

Reference: 30 Day Post-General Report (10/19/00-11/27/00)

Dear Mr. Gleason:

On June 13, 2001, you were notified that a review of the above-referenced report(s) raised questions as to specific contributions and/or expenditures, and the reporting of certain information required by the Federal Election Campaign Act.

Your June 27, 2001, response is incomplete because you have not provided all the requested information. For this response to be considered adequate, the following information is still required.

-Your letter regarding your committee's 30 Day Post-General Report received by the Commission on June 28, 2001 states that no contributions aggregated over \$200. However, please note that 2 U.S.C. §441b prohibits the receipt of funds from national banks, corporations, and labor organizations. Under 11 CFR §102.6, however, certain entities may serve as collecting agents for the purpose of transmitting contributions to a separate segregated fund. A collecting agent may be, but is not limited to, a committee which is affiliated with the separate segregated fund; the connected organization; or a local, national, or international union.

Funds received from a collecting agent are to be attributed to the original contributors and should be disclosed according to the requirements of 11 CFR §104.3(a). If the amounts in question were contributed by individuals and transmitted to your committee by a collecting agent, the activity should be included on Line 11(a)(i) of the Detailed Summary Page. Any

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contribution from an individual exceeding \$200 in the aggregate during the calendar year should be itemized on a supporting Schedule A. Collecting agents need not be identified on your report.

If the contribution(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. If you have received funds from an entity which was not serving as a collecting agent, you must transfer-out the impermissible funds to an account not used to influence federal elections or refund the full amount to the donors in accordance with 11 CFR §103.3(b). In the best interest of your committee, all transfers-out and refunds should be made within thirty days of the treasurer's receipt of the impermissible funds. In order to protect the donor's interests, the Commission recommends that you inform the possible involuntary contributors in writing to provide the donors with the option of receiving a refund or granting written authorization for a transfer to another account.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for the transfer-out or refund. In addition, any transfers-out or refunds should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report covering the period during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of prohibited contributions, prompt action by your committee in transferring-out or refunding the amounts will be taken into consideration.

-Schedule A of your report (pertinent portions attached) discloses an apparent contribution(s) from a corporation(s). 2 U.S.C. §441b(a) prohibits the receipt of contributions from corporations unless made from a separate segregated fund established by the corporation.

If the contribution(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. If you have received a corporate contribution(s), you must transfer-out the impermissible funds to an account not used to influence federal elections or refund the full amount to the donor(s) in accordance with 11 CFR §103.3(b). In the best interest of your committee, all transfers-out and refunds should be made within thirty days of the treasurer's receipt of the impermissible funds. In order to protect the donor's interests, the Commission recommends that you inform the contributor(s) in writing to

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provide the donor(s) with the option of receiving a refund or granting written authorization for a transfer to another account.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for the transfer-out or refund. In addition, any transfers-out or refunds should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report covering the period during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of a prohibited contribution, prompt action by your committee to transfer-out or refund the amount will be taken into consideration.

-Schedule B of your report (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses a contribution(s) which appears to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(a) precludes a multicandidate committee and its affiliates from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election.

If the contribution(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. Please note, the New Jersey Primary election was held on June 6, 2000. Contributions may not be designated for an election which has already occurred unless the funds are to be used to reduce a candidate committee's debts incurred during that election campaign. If you have made an excessive contribution, you should notify the recipient and request a refund of the amount in excess of \$5,000 and/or notify the recipient in writing of your redesignation of the contribution. In the best interest of your committee, all refunds and redesignations should be made within sixty days of the treasurer's receipt of the contribution(s).

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo entries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. 11 CFR §110.1(b)

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

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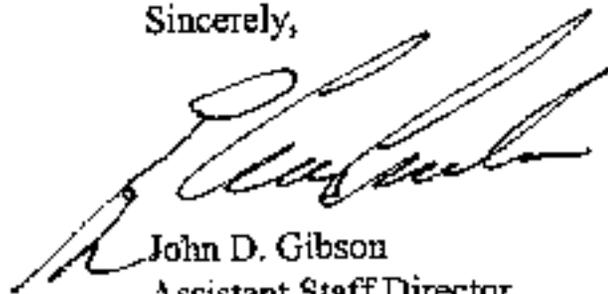
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-Please amend Schedule B supporting Line 23 by providing the office sought (i.e., **HOUSE, SENATE OR PRESIDENT**) including the address, state, and congressional district for each contribution made. 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3)(ii) and (v)

An adequate response must be received at the Commission by July 25, 2001. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

If you should have any questions related to this matter, please contact Scott Walker on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or our local number (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



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