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Vincent R. Tallman
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RE: Amalgamated Transit Union COPE (ATU-COPE) May Monthly Report

Dear Mr. Tallman:

I am writing in response to your letter of June 19, 1996, which raised questions concerning information contained in our May monthly report. Your letter noted that "Schedule B of [our] report ... disclosed a contribution(s) which appears to exceed the limits set forth in the Act[.]" specifically with respect to contributions made to the primary election campaigns of the Wellstone for Senate Committee and the Friends of Dick Durbin Committee. Both of these ostensibly excessive contributions result from erroneous designations of particular contributions in the report.

The copies of the report pages you included with your letter note that we made five contributions to the primary election campaign of the Wellstone for Senate Committee between May of 1995 and April of 1996, totaling \$6,000. The most recent of these contributions, an April 22, 1996 contribution of \$1,000 to Senator Wellstone's campaign committee, was erroneously designated as a contribution for the primary, rather than the general, election. We have instructed the Wellstone for Senate Committee (see the first attached letter) to redesignate the April 22 contribution as a contribution to the Senator's general election campaign. With this redesignation, ATU-COPE's total contributions to Senator Wellstone for the primary campaign equal \$5,000, the maximum amount permitted by law, while contributions to the Senator's general election campaign total \$1,000 as of this date.

Similarly, the report pages attached to your letter indicate that the ATU-COPE fund made three contributions to the Friends of Dick Durbin Committee and one contribution to the Durbin for Congress Committee between February of 1995 and April of 1996, totaling \$7,500.¹ The most recent

¹For purposes of clarification only, it should be noted that the \$1,000 contributed to the Durbin for Congress Committee on February 14, 1995 was a contribution to Congressman Durbin's campaign for re-election to the United States House of Representatives, not for his Senate campaign.

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of these, a \$2,500 contribution made on April 3, 1996 to the Friends of Dick Durbin Committee, was erroneously designated as a contribution to Congressman Durbin's primary, rather than general election, campaign for the United States Senate. As in the case of our contributions to Senator Wellstone's campaign committee, we have asked the Friends of Dick Durbin Committee (see the second attached letter) to redesignate the April 3 contribution as applying to Congressman Durbin's general election campaign to the United States Senate. With that redesignation, ATU-COPE's contributions to Congressman Durbin's primary election campaign total \$5,000, the maximum permitted by law, and our contributions to his general election campaign total \$2,500.

I hope this letter satisfies your questions in this matter, and please forgive the delayed response to your letter. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office at (202) 537-1645.

Sincerely,



Oliver W. Green
International Secretary
Treasurer/COPE Director
FEC # C00032995

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Attachments



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Wellstone for Senate Committee
236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE
Suite 202
Washington, DC 20002

RE: April 22, 1996 ATU-COPE Contribution

To Whom it May Concern:

As Treasurer of the ATU-COPE Fund, I am writing to request that our April 22, 1996 contribution of \$1,000 to your committee be redesignated. When made this contribution when made was erroneously designated as a contribution to Senator Wellstone's primary election campaign. In actuality, this contribution was intended to be directed towards Senator Wellstone's general election campaign.

I appreciate your assistance in this matter, and would appreciate that this office be copied on any correspondence between the committee and the Federal Election Commission regarding this contribution. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office at (202) 537-1645.

Sincerely,

Oliver W. Green
International Secretary-
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FEC# C00032995

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CC: Vincent R. Tallman, FEC



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Friends of Dick Durbin
P.O. Box 75214
Washington, DC 20013-5214

RE: April 3, 1996 ATU-COPE Contribution

To Whom it May Concern:

As Treasurer of the ATU-COPE Fund, I am writing to request that our April 3, 1996 contribution of \$2,500 to your committee be redesignated. When made this contribution was erroneously designated as a contribution to Congressman Durbin's primary election campaign. In actuality, this contribution was intended to be directed towards Congressman Durbin's general election campaign.

I appreciate your assistance in this matter, and would appreciate that this office be copied on any correspondence between the committee and the Federal Election Commission regarding this contribution. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office at (202) 537-1645.

Sincerely,

Oliver W. Green
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