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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20543

November 24, 2004

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

Response Due Date:
December 27, 2004

Identification Number: C00158576

Reference: Amended April Quarterly Report (1/1/04-3/31/04), received 10/15/04

Dear Mr. Gleason:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-The beginning cash balance of this report should equal the ending balance of your Amended Year End Report (7/1/03-12/31/03), received 8/2/04. Please clarify this discrepancy and amend any subsequent report(s) that may be affected by this correction.

-Your report discloses additional receipts totaling \$150,908 on Lines 11(a)(i), 11(a)(ii), and 17 that were not disclosed on your original report. Please provide clarifying information as to why this activity was not disclosed on your original report.

-Schedule B supporting Line 23 of your report discloses one or more contributions to a candidate(s) for the 2004 Primary election; however, the funds were disbursed after the election date(s) (see attached). Please note that 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 any apparently impermissible contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with

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clarifying information. If the contribution(s) in question should have been designated for debt retirement, you should amend your report to indicate "debt retirement," along with the year of election.

If you have made an impermissible contribution, you must request a refund or provide a written authorization for a redesignation of the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §110.2(b) within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt.

If the foregoing conditions for redesignations were not met within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt, your committee must obtain a refund.

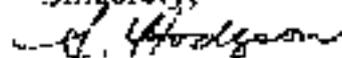
Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which 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 this impermissible activity, your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

Unlike previous election cycles, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. 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.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1140.

Sincerely,



Abbie Hodgson
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Reports Analysis Division

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| Recipient Name | Date | Amount | Election | Election State - Date |
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| Friends of Bennie Thompson | 3/31/04 | \$5,000 | P-2004 | MS- 3/9/04 |

