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RE: The ASCAP legislative Fund for the Arts
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Mid-Year Report (1/1/99 - 6/30/99)

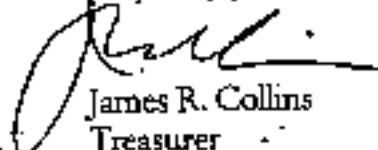
This is in response to your letter dated January 12, 2000 concerning the above referenced reports.

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.

Lastly, the specific contribution you referenced on Schedule B supporting Line 23 (pertinent portions attached) was for debt retirement in the 1998 election year - General election.

If you have any other questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,


James R. Collins
Treasurer

