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RE: SEIU COPE ID# C00004036
July and August 2002 Monthly Reports

Dear Ms. Kitchen:

Your letter of November 20, 2002 raising questions concerning contributions reported by SEIU COPE in its July and August 2002 FEC Monthly Reports has been referred to me for a response. Specifically you question contributions made by SEIU COPE to the Clayburn for Congress, Darlene Hooley for Congress and Schwartz 2000 committees. Each of these contributions was permissible and in accordance with the law, however, they were not accurately reported on our Monthly Reports.

The Clayburn for Congress contribution of $2,500 on 6/17/02 was for a run off election and not for a primary as reported on our July '02 Report. The Darlene Hooley for Congress contribution of $5,000 on 7/19/02 was for the General Election and not the Primary as we reported on our August '02 Report. The Schwartz 2000 contribution of $5,000 on 6/17/02 was for the retirement of Primary Election Debt for the 2000 U.S. Senate Primary and not for the 2002 Senate Primary as reported on our July '02 Report.

We will be filing amended reports reflecting the proper characterization of these contributions and notifying the recipient committees through a copy of this letter.

If you have any questions regarding this response please feel free to contact me at 301-656-0560. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

John J. Sullivan
Associate General Counsel, SEIU

cc: Clyburn for Congress
Darlene Hooley for Congress
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