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Re: C00327395
April Quarterly Report
Mid Year Report

Dear Mr. Francis:

As the treasurer of the Searchlight Leadership Fund ("the PAC"), I am responding to your recent letter, dated February 9th, regarding the PAC's April Quarterly 1999 and Mid Year 1999 reports. In your letter, you note that both of these reports disclose limited payments for administrative expenses.

Until August of 1999, all PAC activity was conducted by volunteers and the PAC was not raising a significant amount of money. That changed last summer when we opened an office in D.C. and hired a full-time staff member. Our most recent report, the 1999 Year End report, discloses considerably more administrative disbursements which correspond to a major increase in activity.

I hope this information is responsive to your questions. Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any additional concerns.

Sincerely,

William C. Oldaker