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December 30, 1999

By Certified Express Mail

Complaint re: Illegal Corporate Expenditures

Dear Mr. Noble:

This letter is a complaint against the Manchester Union Leader Newspaper, New Hampshire Public Television, and New Cable News, for violations of Federal Election Commission Regulations.

These three corporations are sponsoring a debate between candidates for the Democratic nomination for President on January 5, 2000 at the University of New Hampshire. The debates will be broadcast nationally and regionally on NHPTV, NECN, C-SPAN, MSNBC, New Hampshire Public Radio and many PBS stations.

These sponsoring organizations have invited only Vice President Al Gore and Senator Bill Bradley to participate in the debate. Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. has been excluded.

I spoke with Mr. Charles Perkins, the executive editor of the Manchester Union Leader, who informed me that Mr. LaRouche would not be invited to join the debate. Mr. Perkins refused to disclose to me what criteria were used to exclude LaRouche, saying that he wouldn't disclose the criteria because he didn't want the candidates to try and conform to them.

By any objective criteria Mr. LaRouche should be included in the debate. He is a major candidate for the Democratic nomination, and one of only three candidates for the Democratic nomination certified for Federal Matching Funds. He will be on the ballot in the New Hampshire Democratic primary and has already qualified for the Democratic primary ballot in 10 states.

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To provide Mr. Gore and Mr. Bradley with national TV and radio exposure at the exclusion of their only major rival for the Democratic nomination amounts to an expenditure of funds in support of their candidacies and against LaRouche. Upon information and belief, the sponsoring entities are corporations. Expenditures on behalf of a candidate for President by a corporation is prohibited under 2 U.S.C. 441b.

The addresses of the sponsoring organizations are:

Manchester Union Leader Newspaper
100 William Loeb Dr.
Manchester, H.H. 03108

New Hampshire Public Television
268 Mast Road
Durham, NH 03824

New England Cable News
160 Wells Avenue
Newton, Ma. 02459

I would hope you give this matter expedited consideration as the January 5, 2000 debate sponsored by these corporations is fast approaching. Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Patricia D. Salisbury

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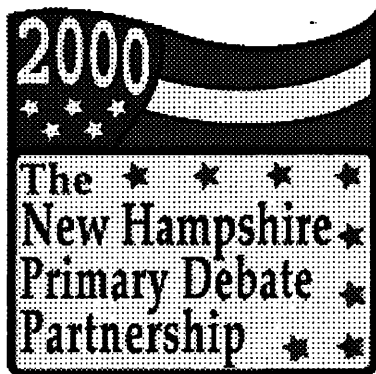
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Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 30th day of December, 1999.

Mary Jane Freeman

Notary Public

My Commission Expires
May 31, 2001



About the Partnership

The New Hampshire Primary Debates Partnership is a joint effort of New Hampshire Public Television, New England Cable News and The Union Leader.

Welcome to NH Primary Debates 2000

P R E S S R E L A S E -- December 23, 1999

UNH MEMORIAL UNION BUILDING WILL BE OFF LIMITS TO THE PUBLIC DURING AND AFTER THE 'NH PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY DEBATES'

DURHAM, NH – The Memorial Union Building at the University of New Hampshire will be closed to all but journalists with debate credentials when the "NH Presidential Primary Debates" take place next month, according to a spokesperson for the New Hampshire Primary Debate Partnership.

Due to concerns about security, UNH Police advised the building be closed to the public after 4 p.m. on January 5 and 6, New Hampshire Public Television spokesperson Dorothy Meneghin, reported Thursday.

The partnership of NHPTV, New England Cable News and the Union Leader informed campaign coordinators Friday that their campaign staffs also would be unable to enter the building to disseminate information to the journalists in the media filing-center.

Peter Jennings of ABC's "World News Tonight," will moderate the live Democratic debate between Bill Bradley and Al Gore, Jan. 5 at 7 p.m. (EST).

Tim Russert, moderator of "Meet the Press" and Washington Bureau Chief of NBC News, will moderate the GOP debate featuring all six GOP candidates the following night at 7 p.m. (EST).

Both one-hour debates, at the Johnson Theatre at the University of New Hampshire, will feature questions from a panel of journalists, and open discussion between or among the candidates. The audience was invited on selected by a lottery open to students, faculty, staff and the public.

Although UNH is on break, Greg Sanborn, special assistant to UNH President Joan Leitzel, said Friday that UNH personnel will be working with campaign staffs "to insure that each candidate (who wishes to meet with supporters on the UNH campus) is treated equitably and consistently, and to be sure the same conditions exist for each room rental, regardless of whether the room is in a classroom building or other facility."

Both debates will be simulcast on NHPTV, NECN, C-

SPAN, MSNBC, New Hampshire Public Radio, and many PBS stations. Other PBS stations may broadcast the debates at alternative times.

Associate sponsors of the debates include: ABC News, C-SPAN, The Associated Press, Lycos, NBC News, New Hampshire Public Radio, the UNH and WNDS-TV.

Publicity Contact: Dorothy Meneghin, NHPTV Marketing and Promotion Coordinator, 603 868-4331

We plan to use this website to offer up-to-the-minute information on the candidates, upcoming candidates' debates, press coverage, surveys and a candidates' adwatch.

E-mail us at Debates2000@nhptv.unh.edu with your comments and thoughts on information you'd like to see on this website

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