



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

January 31, 2001

Mr. George W. Cashman, Treasurer
Local Union Drive No. 25
544 Main Street
Boston, MA 02129-1109

RE: MUR 5168
Local Union Drive No. 25 and
George W. Cashman, as treasurer

Dear Mr. Cashman:

On January 25, 2001, the Federal Election Commission found that there is reason to believe Local Union Drive No. 25 ("Committee") and you, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(i), a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). The Factual and Legal Analysis, which formed a basis for the Commission's finding, is attached for your information.

You may submit any factual or legal materials that you believe are relevant to the Commission's consideration of this matter. Please submit such materials to the General Counsel's Office within 15 days of your receipt of this letter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath. In the absence of additional information, the Commission may find probable cause to believe that a violation has occurred and proceed with conciliation.

In order to expedite the resolution of this matter, the Commission has also decided to offer to enter into negotiations directed towards reaching a conciliation agreement in settlement of this matter prior to a finding of probable cause to believe. Enclosed is a conciliation agreement that the Commission has approved.

If you are interested in expediting the resolution of this matter by pursuing preprobable cause conciliation, and if you agree with the provisions of the enclosed agreement, please sign and return the agreement, along with the civil penalty, to the Commission. In light of the fact that conciliation negotiations, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, are limited to a maximum of 30 days, you should respond to this notification as soon as possible.

Requests for extensions of time will not be routinely granted. Requests must be made in writing at least five days prior to the due date of the response and specific good cause must be demonstrated. In addition, the Office of the General Counsel ordinarily will not give extensions beyond 20 days.

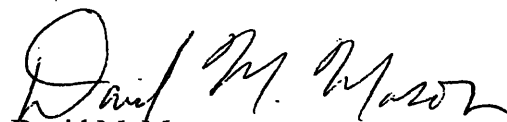
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If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form stating the name, address, and telephone number of such counsel, and authorizing such counsel to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission.

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. §§ 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(12)(A), unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the investigation to be made public.

For your information, we have attached a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling possible violations of the Act. If you have any questions, please contact Clinett Short, the staff member assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,



David M. Mason
Vice Chairman

Enclosures

Factual and Legal Analysis
Procedures
Designation of Counsel Form
Conciliation Agreement

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FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

RESPONDENTS: Local Union Drive No. 25 and
George W. Cashman, as treasurer

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This matter was generated based on information ascertained by the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(2).

The Federal Election Campaign Act 1971, as amended ("the Act"), requires treasurers of political committees, other than authorized committees of a candidate, to file periodic reports of receipts and disbursements. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(1). In any calendar year in which a regularly general scheduled election is held, all political committees that choose not to file on a monthly basis shall file quarterly reports which shall be filed no later than the 15th day after the last day of each calendar quarter. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(i).

The Local Union Drive No. 25 ("the Committee") is a political committee not authorized by any candidate and has elected to report on a quarterly basis. Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(i), the due date for the Committee's 2000 April Quarterly Report was April 15, 2000. George W. Cashman is the current treasurer of the committee.

On December 29, 1999 and March 22, 2000, prior notices were sent to the Committee informing them that their 2000 April Quarterly Report was due on April 15, 2000. Following that due date, a non-filer notice was sent to the Committee on May 10, 2000 via mailgram notifying the Committee of its failure to timely file the report and of its need to do so

immediately. On August 4, 2000, the Committee filed its 2000 April Quarterly Report, 112 days late, disclosing \$8,504 in receipts and \$13,514 in disbursements. The Committee failed to file the report by the required due date.

Accordingly, there is reason to believe Local Union Drive No. 25 and George W. Cashman, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(i).

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