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August 14, 1991

VIA UPS OVERNIGHT

Jerry Cook
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A.W. Parker
President
IBT Joint Council No. 58
3100 Katy Freeway
Houston, Texas 77007

Re: Election Office Case No. P-802-JC58-SOU

Gentlemen:

The Election Officer has received a copy of a letter soliciting funds for the campaign of Jerry Cook, a candidate for International Vice President. The letter was written on the official stationery of Teamsters Joint Council No. 58. The letter, addressed to all Local Unions of Teamsters Joint Council No. 58, is dated April 17, 1991, and is signed by A.W. Parker, President of the Joint Council. Although no protest was filed with the Election Officer, the Election Officer determined, pursuant to his authority under the *Rules for the IBT International Union Delegate and Officer Election*, revised August 1, 1990 ("*Rules*"), to investigate the propriety of the letter.

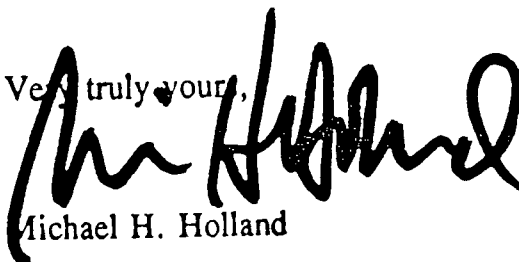
The *Rules* at Article VIII, §10(c) and Article X, §1(b)(1), explicitly prohibit the use of Union funds or goods to promote the candidacy of any member. Solicitation of campaign contributions clearly aids and promotes a candidate's campaign. Further, under no circumstance may official Union stationery be used to support a candidate. As stated in the *Rules*, "The use of the Union's official stationery with the Union's name, insignia, or other mark identifying the Union is prohibited irrespective of compensation or access." *Rules*, Article X, §1(b)(3).

The publication or distribution of a fundraising letter on behalf of a candidate on the Joint Council's official stationery and with Joint Council resources is a serious matter. It violates not only the plain letter of the *Rules*, but impugns the integrity of the election

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as well as upon the Election Officer, IBT, 25 Louisiana Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001, Facsimile (202) 624-8792. A copy of the protest must accompany the request for a hearing.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael H. Holland". The signature is stylized and cursive, written over the typed name below it.

Michael H. Holland

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cc: Frederick B. Lacey, Independent Administrator
Donald H. Williams, Regional Coordinator
Eric Nelson, Esquire
G. William Baab, Esquire