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VIA UPS OVERNIGHT

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Re: Election Office Case No. Post-24-LU693-PGH

Gentlemen.

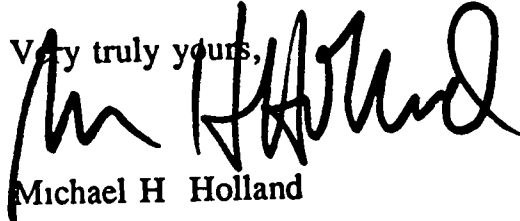
This post-election protest was filed by Mr Gary Haskell pursuant to the *Rules for the IBT International Union Delegate and Officer Election*, revised August 1, 1990 ("Rules") on February 16, 1991. Mr Haskell alleges that he and the membership of Local 693 were deprived of a fair and democratic election in several ways. He asserts that the Local Union unnecessarily spent Union funds obtaining legal advice concerning election procedures. He claims that a cover letter sent on November 21, 1990 by Secretary-Treasurer Thomas Thayne which accompanied the notice of nominations and elections for the Local Union election at Local 693 contained misinformation and constituted an improper use of Union funds to favor the delegate election campaign of Mr Haskell's opponent, incumbent President Eugene Briggs.

He also avers that certain events at the Local Union's general membership meeting on February 10, 1991 improperly prejudiced the campaign. Specifically, he suggests that the Local Union officers improperly ruled him out of order when he sought to comment upon minutes of the Executive Board which referred to his pending election protest. He also contends that his opponent improperly politicized the meeting by commenting upon his relationship to the Ron Carey campaign. The Local officers reply that the protests of Mr Haskell are untimely as well as being without merit.

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If any interested party is not satisfied with this determination, they may request a hearing before the Independent Administrator within twenty-four (24) hours of their receipt of this letter. The parties are reminded that, absent extraordinary circumstances, no party may rely upon evidence that was not presented to the Office of the Election Officer in any such appeal. Requests for a hearing shall be made in writing, and shall be served on Independent Administrator Frederick B. Lacey at LeBoeuf, Lamb, Leiby & MacRae, One Gateway Center, Newark, New Jersey 07102-5311, Facsimile (201) 622-6693. Copies of the request for hearing must be served on the parties listed above, 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,



Michael H. Holland

MHH/mca

cc Frederick B. Lacey, Independent Administrator
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Briggs, Mr. Briggs is ordered to reimburse the Local Union for the legal services of Mr. Szymanski in this regard. Mr. Briggs is required to file an affidavit with the Election Office within five days of this decision indicating that he has reimbursed the Local Union for these services.