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May 18, 1989

Larry Reichle, Member
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18289 21 Mile Road
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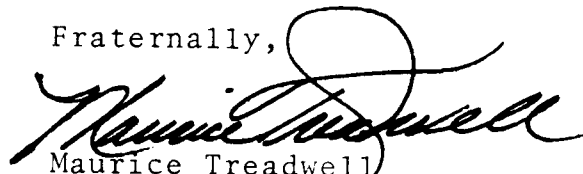
Dear Brother Reichle:

We are in receipt of an unsigned letter dated May 12, 1989
(see attachment) with your name typed thereon.

Via the UAW Constitution, bona fide appeals must be signed
by the appellant.

Please advise us in writing as to whether the above
mentioned letter is indicative of your desire to pursue the
issue(s) referenced in said letter.

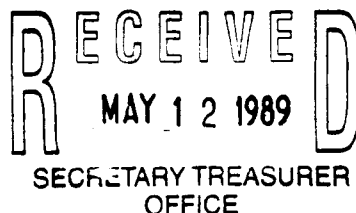
Fraternally,


Maurice Treadwell
Administrative Assistant
to the President

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Attachment

cc: Bill Casstevens, Secretary-Treasurer

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18289 21 Mile Road
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May 12, 1989

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Secretary Treasurer
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Re: Convention Delegate Election Protest
Local 400 Joint Council

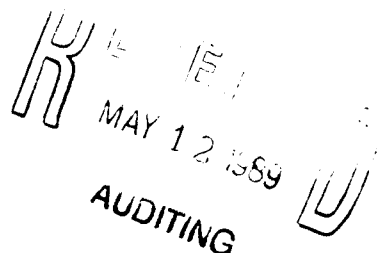
Dear Brother Casstevens:

This is an appeal under Article 8 Sections 15-17 of the constitution of the delegate election in the joint council of Local 400. The election was held on Sunday, May 7, 1989. This will supplement appeals that were previously filed by Ron Maxwell dated March 29, 1989, and Larry Reichle dated April 14, 1989, which I incorporate into this protest.

Local 400 is currently in Region 1B. Local 400 is an amalgamated unit. The joint council elected 2 delegates with voting strength of 12 votes. The delegate positions were won by the "New Unity Group." According to its literature, New Unity Group candidates supported Bob Lent for regional director, as well as the policies of Owen Bieber and the Bieber administration.

It has come to our attention that numerous violations occurred in the election of convention delegates. The specifications are as follows:

1. The joint council refused to allow nomination to any member of Local 400 who was not a member of the joint council.
2. The election committee placed the names on the ballot in alphabetical order, thus ensuring that the New Unity Group candidates appeared first on the ballot. The ordinary procedure is draw ballot position by lot.



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3. We were not informed there would be any numbers or what our numbers were until the meeting occurred where the voting took place. The New Unity Group candidates on the other hand were informed in advance and were able to print literature with their names and ballot numbers on it.
4. International union staffers and representatives have been required to contribute money to the "Social Affairs Club" or the "Social Club" or the "Flower Fund" or some other fund, a conduit of funds for Administration Caucus candidates of which Bob Lent is one. The amount in this account sums to \$400,000, and is an unfair use of union resources in support of a candidate.
5. These contributions violate the constitution whether or not made under threat or coercion.
6. Administration Caucus candidates have established a union-wide centralized policy of abusing union resources to support Lent candidates in all of the large locals.

If you have questions or wish to speak to witnesses or would like to see documents please call or write. I will provide more specification of the above matters on request.

Please advise me or my representative of your procedures for assessing this appeal.

I designate Don Douglas or his representative at the Committee to Elect Don Douglas, c/o White Heather Club, 150 Vester, Ferndale, MI, 48220, (313) 543-9070 to represent us in this appeal. In the alternative I designate Ellis Boal, 925 Ford Building, Detroit, MI, 48226, (313) 962-2770 as our counsel on this matter. Thank you for your prompt attention to this appeal.

Fraternally,

Larry Reichle

c: Committee to Elect Don Douglas
Vince Graham, LMSA
Ellis Boal
Owen Bieber
Credentials Committee
Local 400

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