December 12, 1995

VIA UPS OVERNIGHT

Peter Coates 12233 S.E. 64th Place Bellevue, WA 98006

Robert Hasegawa, Secretary-Treasurer Teamsters Local Union 174 553 John Street Seattle, WA 98109

Re: Election Office Case No. P-243-LU174-PNW

Gentlemen:

A pre-election protest was filed pursuant to Article XIV, Section 2(b) of the *Rules for the* 1995-1996 IBT International Union Delegate and Officer Election ("Rules") by Peter Coates, a member of Local Union 174. The protester alleged that he was denied access to documents concerning a Collective Bargaining Agreement within the jurisdiction of his local union, in violation of the *Rules*. Mr. Coates now advises the Election Officer that he wishes to withdraw his protest. The Election Officer, finding that the protest has been resolved and that the withdrawal effectuates the purpose of the *Rules*, permits the protest to be WITHDRAWN.

Any interested party not satisfied with this determination may request a hearing before the Election Appeals Master within one day of 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:

Kenneth Conboy, Esq. Latham and Watkins 885 Third Avenue, Suite 1000 New York, NY 10022 Fax (212) 751-4864

Copies of the request for hearing must be served on the parties listed above as well as upon the Election Officer, 400 North Capitol Street, Suite 855, Washington, D.C. 20001, Facsimile (202)

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624-3525. A copy of the protest must accompany the request for a hearing.

Sincerely,

Barbara Zack Quindel Election Officer

cc: Kenneth Conboy, Election Appeals Master Christine Mrak, Regional Coordinator