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Mrs. Jane Tolmach

Oxnard, California

Dear Jane:

Previous commitments made it impossible for me to attend the meeting set for November 15, 1966. However, I do want to advise you of the position I find myself in in relation to Mr. Schlei's campaign.

It has been reported to me that some members of the coordinating committee suspect that Mr. Schlei had a professional campaigner in the Ventura-Oxnard area and collected some \$1,000 for his campaign from this area. That is not so.

We made many efforts to collect funds for Mr. Schlei in order to cover our own campaign efforts in the County and to contribute the necessary sums to the coordinating committee. In addition, heavy demands were being placed upon each county to provide funds for television coverage.

For whatever reason, under \$150 was raised as a result of letters and telephone communication to those people and groups which we thought were most likely to contribute to Mr. Schlei's campaign. This sum did not even cover the costs incurred in raising the money.

A personal advance was made by me to Mr. Schlei's campaign in an effort to assist in paying necessary sums for television coverage. This advance was made at a time when it was hoped we would be able to raise sums in Ventura County to cover the advance. Unfortunately, we have not done so and I personally will bear that loss. The sum is considerable, however, and I am in no position to raise any additional sums for Mr. Schlei at this point, in that we have been unable to come up with any successful

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fund raising method till now.

I have communicated with Schlei Headquarters and pointed out to them that pursuant to their agreement it was understood that Schlei would contribute to the coordinating committee. I have urgently asked for resources to be made available to make this contribution. However, the success in raising money for Mr. Schlei has been the same all over, apparently. No funds have been made available out of Los Angeles County and similar indebtedness to the Ventura County problem exists in many counties. Therefore, I know of no resources available at this time from Mr. Schlei's campaign to cover any contribution to the coordinating committee. I will continue to seek resources through the Schlei Headquarters to meet the commitment but I am not encouraged concerning our chances.

Sincerely yours,



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