



ASSOCIATION OF COMMUTER RAIL EMPLOYEES

August 9, 2002

Mr. James Ekberg, Member
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40 Lumur Drive
Sayville, NY 11782

Re: **Response to your letter of August 1, 2002.**

Dear Sir and Brother:

I am forwarding your letter to Mr. Michael McCarthy, President of Local Division 9 for an appropriate response to any legitimate issues which you raise.

Brother Ekberg, a cursory reading of your letter reveals that you have not only managed to insult me, you have cast unfounded allegations against Secretary Treasurer Lindenberg. You allege that financial reports are not available when they are distributed at every monthly meeting which as you know you have never attended. You go on to cast accusations against all elected officers by purporting to speak on behalf of the membership when you have never been elected to office. You insult Legislative Director Jack Gaines, all senior engineers to you, as well as the Trustees and President McCarthy who are elected to safeguard the financial integrity of the Local Division. You continue by insulting the Bylaws Committee, who was elected to serve at an open meeting of the membership, by alleging that no members were ever involved in the drafting of the Bylaws. Then you insult all of our intelligence by stating on one page of your letter that you have never been afforded a copy of the constitution and then quoting extensively from it on the very next page.

I will not dignify your questions about guarantees of a job if I am not elected to office and the like by responding to such nonsense. I am sure that you are familiar with the old adage "you cannot disprove a negative." This would be akin to me asking you to prove that you do not beat your wife. Both assertions are ludicrous and are not worthy of a response.

If you would like to stop by the Union Office, where you have never been, or call me, which you have never done, or come to a monthly meeting, which you have never attended, I would be happy to engage you in whatever appropriate topics you wish to discuss. In closing, I would like to recommend to you the movie "The Contender." It is a story about a female Vice Presidential candidate who will not dignify responding against allegations of inappropriate sexual behavior even though it may cost her confirmation to a position she covets. It is a great lesson in integrity.

Fraternally yours,

Michael Doyle
General Chairman - Local Division 9

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