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CRP Explains

In your news articles and in your editorial July 13, in which you criticize the Finance Committee to Re-Elect the President for its receipt of the American Airlines contribution, you ignore some elements of the factual situation. At no time did you mention the fact that American airlines has stated, through its counsel, that the Finance Committee to Re-Elect the President had no knowledge the money it received from American Airlines was corporate funds. The Committee has repeatedly stated that it did not solicit or knowingly accept any contributions from corporations. For that reason, the money has been returned.

In the interest of clarifying the facts, please note the following from a letter to the committee's attorney from Herbert J. Miller, Jr., American Airlines attorney:

"There is no evidence of which I am aware that the Committee had any knowledge that the funds received were corporate funds."

In this matter, it appears to me that the Finance Committee to Re-Elect the President acted in good faith and in full compliance with the law.

> DeVAN L. SHUMWAY, Director of Public Affairs, Committee for the Re-Election of the President.