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Dear Sir and Brother:

Acknowledging your letter of July 21, 1943, with enclosed copy of a communication to President Tobin from Boris Shishkin, under date of July 15, 1943.

The quotation which you set forth in your letter and which is contained in Shishkin's letter of July 15, has no fundation in fact, whatsoever.

It so happens I sat in on a meeting with Brother James Hoffa, at which time an investigator, whose name I cannot recall, from the Office of Emergency Management President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice, was in Detroit, and during that time we pointed out what results might possibly follow from a negro going to work on our over-the-road trucks, but in no instance, then or at any other time, has this Council taken any position whatever except to abide by the provisions of the Constitution of this International Union.

If the subject matter were to be brought up on the floor during a meeting of the Central States Drivers Council, I would immediately object to it being discussed in the light of the provisions of our Constitution, and in the event that the Council continued any such discussion over my protests, I would immediately have notified the International Office.

So long as I am in the capacity of Director of the Central States Drivers Council as an employe of the International Union, I certainly would not participate or permit the Council to take any action which is in contradiction to the provisions of the International Constitution and if I were unable to control the Council in a matter of this kind, I would immediately, forthwith, notify the International Office.

Shishkin (S)

July 26, 1943

It might be well for President Tobin to determine who lodged any such complaint before this committee and get the facts out in the open.

Fraternally yours,

Dexter L. Lewis

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