

Letter from Jerry Sampson to Jim Drake/Chris Hartmire/Mike Miller –
Reimbursements - February 5, 1966

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To: Rev. James A. Drake, National Farm Workers Association, Delano
cc Chris Hartmire and Mike Miller

From: Jerry Sampson

Phone Bill

My telephone bill for the Dec.-Jan. period covered by my L.A., Sacto. and other activity in the boycott and in connection with Cesar's 1/7 visit to Sacto shows that I spent a total of \$54.93 for calls identified only with these purposes. Since my understanding as to reimbursements for such expenses were implicit rather than firm I leave the matter of payment of this item entirely up to the NFWA. I know that your burdens are heavy and your resources inadequate.

Sacramento Boycott and Other Expenses

Following up my first report of 12/25 to Mike and Jim, I can now report that of the total of \$225 I paid out, this is how it shapes up at this point:

I contributed \$25. personally toward these bills;

(Bldg. Service Employees, state employees local)

Local #411/promised at least \$50 toward the totals, and sent me \$25, since they decided to send the other \$25. to AWOC.;

group

The Catholic Human Relations/originally pledged \$50 as a firm pledge at the initial meeting on 12/19 and subsequently Larry Hannan promised to increase this. Thus far this group has reiterated its initial promise but has paid exactly nothing. I predict that I will get \$25. but will be surprised if I get a full \$50.

So, if I am lucky with the Catholic group I will get back a total of \$75, and will end up with a personal contribution of \$150—which frankly is more than I bargained for, but which represents the price of wanting to move rapidly with irresponsible people.

Just for the record let me say that on 12/19 the Unitarians (Rev. Lewis) thought they could handle \$50 of this. Within a few days Lewis had reneged and one of his laymen gave me nothing but double talk about their troubles. The Presbyterians (Rev. Cowan and Rev. Aldridge) originally promised to “try” to get \$50. I thought this was a kind of pledge, but they do not answer polite letters asking what happened to their efforts, so I am not going to hound them.

In fact any pressure on these worthies might only endanger NFW future fund-raising in Sacto. so I am prepared to cease and desist without bitterness but with a small sense of being exploited!

If any of those who receive this memo see any sources for partial reimbursement to me against my out of pocket \$150 I would consider this a friendly response but I am not pressing any claims in any direction.

The original \$225 included \$52. for SNCC picket signs, for the Roseville picketing of this group (request from Terry Cannon and Hardy Frye) and the balance was for consumer leaflets and picket signs.