

November 16, 1962

Mr. Walter P. Reuther, President
International Union, UAW
8000 East Jefferson Avenue
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear President Reuther:

Local No. 12 Executive Board finds it most difficult to understand the position of the International Executive Board in merely stating that they were obligated to reserve judgment on Richard Gosser until the facts are developed in accordance with our system of jurisprudence.

Doesn't the International Union Executive Board have any more brotherly feeling for one of their fellow officers than to merely concede he has constitutional rights? Especially when the officer has played the major role that Brother Gosser has in helping build our Union, ever since its inception!

Surely the International Executive Board doesn't condone Government Agents forcing their way into a union leader's private office without a search warrant or even showing their personal identification, shoving employees around, and treating everyone there like common criminals. As International Union Executive Board members we think you should be incensed at this flagrant violation of civil rights.

It is evident that somebody with great influence is behind this effort to frame your fellow officer, Richard T. Gosser, for they had an army of about 30 Federal Agents storm in when all that would have been required was one with proper credentials and a search warrant.

We believe the General Public is entitled to know who is behind this action and for what reason. It is evident that those responsible have a great deal of influence in our Government, therefore it appears only the United States Attorney General, Robert Kennedy can bring the truth to light.

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We are requesting that you use your influence in obtaining the services of the Attorney General in bringing to light those that are responsible for this violation of civil rights and the reason behind it.

Fraternally yours,

Local No. 12 Executive Board