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Dear Len:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 1, 1974, requesting advisory opinions from the Commission.

With respect to the "two associations having statewide interest" referred to in paragraph two of your letter of March 1, 1974, you indicated ~~to me~~ on the telephone that you intended to file on behalf of both of those clients. We also discussed the matter of reporting professional fees paid to a professional corporation, and I indicated that Commission instructions required the reporting of that portion of the fees, which is attributable to political activity, as defined in the instructions. Likewise, expenditures relating to political activity, as defined, must be reported by the political information organizations.

With respect to paragraph 4, relating to your situation specifically as an attorney, it is the Commission's position that the Act draws no distinction, nor provides any exemption for attorneys who fall within the definition of legislative agent. Accordingly, the Act is deemed by the Commission to be applicable to instances where attorneys are acting as legislative agents and appropriate reporting procedures are set forth in Commission instructions (paragraph 6a and 6b).

As you will undoubtedly be aware by the time you receive this letter, the Superior Court has temporarily restrained the application of the annual report filing deadline to all political information organizations, except state, county and municipal party committees.

Yours very truly,

David F. Norcross
Executive Director