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Re: The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures
Reporting Act, Chapter 83, Laws of 1973, as
Amended and Supplemented ("the Act")
Your Letter Dated May 31, 1976
Opinion #(0-20-76)

Dear Mr. Wilhelm:

Your letter dated May 31, 1976 to the New Jersey Election
Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission"), including a
request for advisory opinion, has been forwarded to me for
reply.

The Act requires record keeping sufficient in detail
and accuracy as to provide a basis for demonstrating that
there has been compliance with all the provisions of the
Act, for example, the provision that requires the reporting
of the name, address and amount of contribution of every
person if his contribution exceeds \$100.00.

Section 3j. of the Act defines a "public solicitation"
as one in which members of the general public are personally
solicited for cash contributions not exceeding \$10.00 from
each person so solicited and contributed on the spot by the
person so solicited. With the exception of such public
solicitation, permitted under section 19 of the Act, your
records must permit identification of contributors, although
only contributions in excess of \$100.00 need be reported.
In this connection, your attention is invited to Section 20
of the Act which prohibits anonymous contributions (other
than such public solicitations) and therefore places upon
the committee the obligation of knowing the contributors.

In addition, please note the requirements imposed by
Section 19 upon a person conducting a public solicitation.

Yours very truly,

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