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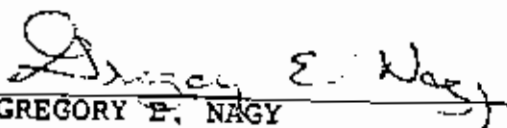
Dear Mr. Lan:

I am writing on behalf of the Election Law Enforcement Commission in response to your letter of May 15, 1981 requesting an advisory opinion from the Commission. You have asked whether as a result of your withdrawal as a candidate for the office of Governor you no longer are obligated to file a personal financial disclosure statement pursuant to the provisions of Laws of 1981, chapter 129, adopted May 1, 1981. For the reasons herein stated, you are hereby advised that as a result of your withdrawal as a candidate you are no longer required to file a disclosure statement.

Under the provisions of the new Act, candidates for the office of Governor must file a financial disclosure statement with the Commission on or before the tenth day following the last day for filing a petition to appear on the ballot. L.1981, c.129, sec.2. However, because the Act was not effective until its adoption on May 1, 1981, the filing deadline was extended to May 20, 1981. Your withdrawal was announced at a date prior to the effective date of the Act. Furthermore, as a result of the withdrawal, your name was not placed upon the ballot for the 1981 primary election for the office of Governor. Under these circumstances, the Commission is satisfied you are not under an obligation to file a personal financial disclosure under the Act.

Very truly yours,

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