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Mr. Jim Canna
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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 September 15, 1976
Opinion #(0-44-76)

Dear Mr. Canna:

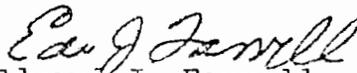
Your letter dated September 15, 1976 to the New Jersey
Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission"),
including a request for advisory opinion, has been forwarded
to me for reply.

On the facts described in your letter the activities of
the group organized to aid or promote the nomination or election
of a particular candidate would make the group a "political
committee". That committee would have the obligation to designate
a treasurer and depository and to provide pre-election and
post-election reports in accordance with the Act.

In the event that all of the activities on behalf of
your candidacy are to be conducted through the political
committee, then you could name a treasurer and depository
for your campaign, which could be the same person and bank
as those of the committee. The committee would have the
obligation to file pre-election and post-election reports,
and the candidate would also have the obligation of filing
pre-election and post-election reports. The reports of the
candidate should reflect the allocated contributions and
expenditures of the political committee with respect to
his candidacy.

Although it is not entirely clear from your letter, the
political committee may be one which is organized solely to
support your candidacy, and not that of any other candidate.
In that event, the Commission will regard the obligation of
the candidate to file the pre-election and post-election
reports in such a circumstances as having been satisfied if
the reports of the committee are submitted on behalf of the
candidate as well as the committee and bear the signature of
the candidate as well as the treasurer of the political committee.

Yours very truly,


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