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Mrs. Sandy Glick
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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 April 22, 1977
Opinion #(0-16-77)

Dear Mrs. Glick:

Your letter dated April 22, 1977 to the New Jersey Election
Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission"), including a
request for advisory opinion, has been forwarded to me for
reply.

The Commission does not have authority to advise generally
with respect to the election laws, since its authority is
limited to the area of its responsibility, which is the New
Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Disclosure
Act (N.J.S.A. 19:44-1 and following). This Act forms only
a part of the election law of New Jersey, which is contained
in Title 19 of the New Jersey Statutes. The remainder of
the election law is under the jurisdiction of the Attorney
General of New Jersey.

The Act does not prescribe what uses of political funds
are lawful or unlawful and the Commission is not empowered
to express an opinion in this regard. The Commission has
taken the position that personal use of such funds is obviously
not appropriate, and would in such case forward evidence of
such use to the appropriate law enforcement agency. Certain
other dispositions of such funds would not be challenged
by the Commission, such as the transfer of the funds to the
County or other political party committee of the candidate or
to a charitable organization, or the return of those funds
pro rata to the contributors. Your proposed transfer to the
Teaneck Scholarship Fund appears to be a proper transfer under
this test, and the Commission would take no action with respect
to that transfer.

Yours very truly,

Edward J. Farrell

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