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William S. Bonanno, Treasurer
Madison Republican Committee
Post Office Box 144
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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 November 6, 1975
Opinion # (0-30-75)

Dear Mr. Bonanno:

Your letter dated November 6, 1975 to the New Jersey
Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission"),
including a request for advisory opinion, has been forwarded
to me for reply.

As I understand the facts set forth in your letter,
the Municipal Committee did not conduct the campaigns on
behalf of the municipal candidates, but those campaigns were
conducted by committees for the candidates themselves. The
Municipal Committee did, however, conduct and sponsor a brunch
eight days prior to the general election. The net balance
of the proceeds from that brunch would remain in the Municipal
Committee account to finance the general operating costs
and will in addition make contributions to the campaign committees
for the municipal candidates in order to help them defer
"leftover" expenses from that election, and it is proposed
that these contributions will be reported if necessary on
the annual report made by the Municipal Committee.

Although the facts set forth in your letter indicate
there is no connection, it is difficult to imagine a situation
in which a brunch conducted eight days prior to an election
by the Municipal Committee, to which the candidates of that
party for election in that municipality are invited, would
not necessarily constitute election activity as to those
candidates. This being the case, the Committee must file
the pre-election and post-election reports called for by the
Act, including information respecting that brunch.

Very truly yours,


Edward J. Farrell
Legal Counsel

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