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February 3, 1976

Joseph F. Hammond, Jr.
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401 Wanaque Avenue
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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 October 27, 1975
Opinion # (0-36-75)

Dear Mr. Hammond:

Your letter dated October 27, 1975 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. 19:44A-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
take 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 the return of those funds pro rata to the contributors.

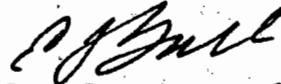
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For further information as to other specific uses we would suggest that you contact Joyce Usiskin, Esq. or Gregory Nagy, Esq., Deputy Attorneys General, whose area of responsibility includes the election laws of the State of New Jersey.

Very truly yours,



Edward J. Farrell
Legal Counsel

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