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April 30, 1976

R.A. Mildred Feldt 319 West Taylor Avenue Wildwood, New Jersey 08260

> Re: The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act, Chapter 83, Laws of 1973 as Amended and Supplemented ("the Act")

Your Letter Dated March 30, 1976

Opinion #(0-12-76)

Dear Ms. Feldt:

FRANK P. REICHE

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Your letter dated March 30, 1976 to the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission"), including a request for advisory opinion, has been forwarded to me for reply.

The reasonable value of the photocopying should be treated as an in-kind contribution and the amount of that value should be included in your list of contributions if you are filing the pre-election and post-election reports. If you are filing an affidavit, and the total of the contributions by the friend referred to in your letter (including the reasonable value of photocopies, cash contributions if any, and other in-kind contributions) exceeds \$100.00 then the name, address of the contributor and the amount of contribution must also be included.

With respect to the remainder of your letter, please be advised that the records of the Commission indicate that a report was filed with the Commission as of April 19, 1976. As a result of a recent decision in the United States Supreme Court, the limits upon expenditures are no longer in effect. A copy of the letter of the Commission to the appropriate election officials is enclosed.

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.

With respect to items numbered (3) and (4) in your letter, those matters, as well as the remaining areas of Title 19, (other than disclosure) are under the jurisdiction of the Attorney General of New Jersey. For further information as to the other specific uses we would suggest that you contact Gregory Nagy, Esq., Deputy Attorney General, State House Annex, Trenton, New Jersey (telephone: 609-292-8741), whose area of responsibility includes the election laws of the State of New Jersey. We have forwarded a copy of your letter and a copy of this letter to the office of the Attorney General.

Yours very truly,

Edward J. Farrell Legal Counsel

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cc: Gregory Nagy, Esq.