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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 3, 1976
Opinion #(0-34-76)

Dear Assemblyman Shapiro:

Your letter dated September 3, 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 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.

We assume from your letter the funds will not be used for
election-related activities, and do not, therefore, subject you
to the reporting and other requirements of the Act. There
are no provisions in the Act with respect to the solicitation
of funds or expenditures of funds with respect to the operation
of a district office and accordingly the Commission cannot
express an opinion with respect to the questions you have
raised. We would suggest that you direct your inquiry to
the office of the Attorney General.

In this connection, we are enclosing a copy of 0-36-
75 to Joseph F. Hammond, Jr.

Yours very truly,

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