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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 December 27, 1976
Opinion # (0-50-76)

Dear Mr. Conrad:

Your letter dated December 27, 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 is created by Section 5 of the Act and
has the duties and powers as described in Section 6 of the
Act. The Commission conducts hearings within the limits described
by Section 22 of the Act. None of the foregoing provides a
basis for an interpretation of the Act by the Commission as
giving the Commission jurisdiction to hear complaints in
violation of Section 19:5-5 of Title 19 of the Statutes of
New Jersey. The inclusion of a reference to that statute in
the Act appears to have been for the purpose of repealing
the second full paragraph of N.J.S.A. 19:5-5 which had
provided an inconsistent reporting requirement with respect
to certain receipts and expenditures related to election.

The Commission does not deem this a sufficient basis
for assertion by the Commission of jurisdiction respecting
the administration of political party committees.

Yours very truly,



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