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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 August 17, 1977
Opinion # (0-33-77)

Dear Ms. West:

Your letter dated August 17, 1977 to the New Jersey
Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission"),
including a request for advisory opinion, has been forwarded
to me for reply.

In the absence of facts suggesting an attempt to
provide a campaign contribution by means of a procedure
of this kind, the Commission is of the view that payment
of an honorarium to a speaker would not constitute a campaign
contribution to the speaker, at least where, as described in
your letter, the speaker will speak to the personnel of
the corporation at some time after the election, the payment
of such honorarium would be conditioned upon his or her
making such appearance, the honorarium would be paid at
a time after the date of the election and will not in
fact be related to a purpose of the corporation to further
the campaign of the speaker.

Yours very truly,



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