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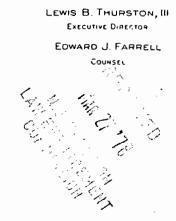
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Mark E. Barmak, Secretary Abbott Laboratories Abbott Park North Chicago, Illinois 60064

Re: The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act, Chapter 83,
Laws of 1973 as Amended and Supplemented ("the Act")
Your letter dated January 31, 1978
Opinion #(0-07-78)

Dear Mr. Barmak:

Your letter dated January 31, 1978 to the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission"), including a request for advisory opinion, has been forwarded to me for reply.

While the Act and regulations require that every political committee engaged in election activity comply with the filing and other requirements of the Act, Commission regulation 19:25-15.39(b) permits a political committee which is not organized, located or based in the State of New Jersey to file with the Commission copies of its Federal or other election reports covering the same time periods in lieu of filing pre-election and post-election reports as called for by the Act.

Based on your PAC's expenditure of \$100 during the November election, the Abbott Laboratories Better Government Fund would be subject to the filing requirements of the Act, and would be required to file a copy of its Federal election reports with the Commission. If the Fund has conducted any other political activity separate from its activity during the November election, it might also be constituted a political information organization, in which case it would be responsible for filing an annual report under Section 8 of the Act.

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The Commission has interpreted your letter to address itself to the contribution by a PAC, to a candidate during the election period. The Commission expresses no opinion as to the propriety of making a contribution to a successful candidate after the date of the election.

You will find enclosed a copy of the Commission's regulations applicable to PAC's.

Yours very truly,

Edward J. Farrell Legal Counsel

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Enclosure