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Re: The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and  
Expenditures Reporting Act, Chapter 83, Laws  
of 1973 as Amended and Supplmented ("the Act")  
Your letter dated October 17, 1980  
Opinion #0-42-80

Dear Mr. Conda:

Your letter dated October 17, 1980 to the New Jersey  
Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission"), in-  
cluding a request for advisory opinion, has been forwarded to  
me for reply.

A committee of the kind you describe would be regarded  
as a continuing political club, and would have an obligation  
of filing pre-election and post-election reports, in essentially  
the same way as a political party committee would be required  
to file, as to any election in which it made expenditures on  
behalf of candidates or engaged in fund raising efforts on  
behalf of candidate. Where there is an obligation of filing pre-  
and post-election reports, that obligation is independent of the  
obligation to file annual reports. As an ongoing group, the  
committee would have the obligation to file an annual report as  
a continuing political club.

As to paragraph 2 of your letter, the same rule with  
respect to pre-election and post-election reports would be  
applicable to the Burlington Township Republican Campaign Fund  
on the facts of your letter, as to any election in which the  
Burlington Township Republican Campaign Fund made expenditures on  
behalf of candidates or engaged in fund raising efforts on behalf  
of candidates. Since it is an ongoing fund, this group would  
also have the obligation to file an annual report as a continuing  
political club.

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There is an exception in the Act which may be applicable to your group. Section 8 of the Act provides in part that a committee such as yours supporting several candidates has no obligation of filing pre-election and post-election reports if none of the candidates supported by the committee is required to file the R-1 report (because the expenditures on behalf of such candidate do not exceed \$1,000, and the candidate therefore can file the sworn statement A-1 instead of the R-1 report).

In the filing of an annual report in such case, all of the materials included in the pre-election and post-election reports which were previously required for the same calendar year can be incorporated by reference.

I hope this answers your questions. Please feel free to call the Commission if you have any further questions with respect to the reporting obligations.

Yours very truly,



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