NEW JERSEY ELECTION LAW
ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
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Princeton, New Jersey   07540

August 23, 1973

Mr. Frank J. Coyle, Jr.
Chairman
Hanover Township Democratic
Committee
20 Nye Avenue
Whippany, New Jersey   07981

Re: The New Jersey Campaign Control and
     Expenditures Reporting Act ("the Act")
     Your Letter Dated July 20, 1973

Dear Mr. Coyle:

Your letter of July 20, 1973, to the New Jersey Election
Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission"), including a
request for advisory opinion, has been forwarded to me for
reply. By previous correspondence, the Commission requested
an extension of time within which to reply to August 20, 1973.

1. In the opinion of the Commission your committee
    constitutes a municipal committee of a political
    party, and as such is required to make a report
    respecting all contributions and expenditures
    from April 24, 1973, the effective date of the
    Act until July 24, 1973 (or stating that no such
    contributions or expenditures occurred). On the
    facts set forth in your letter, your committee is
    not required to file any report as to contributions
    or expenditures on behalf of the candidate referred
    to in your letter.

2. Your committee will be required to file reports 25
    and 7 days before the election and 15 days after the
    election, setting forth contributions and expenditures
    (or stating that no such contributions or expenditures
    occurred). The local candidate will, of course, have
    the obligation to file the report (or affidavit)
    called for by the Act.

3. Every municipal committee of a political party must
    designate a campaign treasurer and a campaign
    depository on or before January 31 of each year and
    must file the name and address thereof with the
    Election Law Enforcement Commission, and, must file
    the March 1 report called for by the Act, whether
    or not such municipal committee is inactive and
    whether or not any contributions are received or
    expenditures are made, incurred or authorized.

4. Forms for the required reports will be provided by
    the Commission as soon as possible.

                          Yours very truly,

                          New Jersey Election Law
                          Enforcement Commission

                          Edward J. Farrell, Esq.
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20 Nye Avenue
Whippany, New Jersey 07981
July 20, 1973

New Jersey Election Law and Enforcement Commission
P. O. Box 209
Princeton, New Jersey 08540

Attention: Mr. Frank P. Reiche, Chairman

Dear Mr. Reiche:

I am the Municipal Chairman of the duly elected Democratic County Committee of Hanover Township. This committee is not actively engaged in fund-raising of any type to further the election of any candidate or influence any legislation. Each candidate in our Township, where we are the minority party, generally runs his own local campaign.

I would appreciate receiving an advisory opinion to guide us on the following issues regarded by the new Election Disclosure Act:

1. Since no money has been raised or spent; are any reports required from this Municipal Committee in relation to the past primary election. The one local Democratic Candidate has already filed an Affidavit with the County Clerk that no money in excess of $1000.00 was spent on his behalf by any person or committee.

2. Since no money will be raised or spent in the November Election by this Municipal Committee is the committee nevertheless still required to file reports 25 and 7 days before the election and 15 days after, even though the local candidate himself will of course file those reports.

3. Must such an inactive Municipal Committee file any annual reports or appoint a depository bank even if no funds will be raised or spent by this Municipal Committee, on behalf of the local candidate.
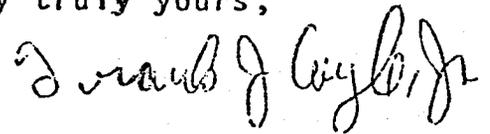
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4. If any reports are required to be filed by this
   Municipal Committee, kindly provide the necessary
   forms to be used.

Your advice on these matters would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Frank J. Coyle, Jr.
Chairman
Hanover Township Democratic
Committee

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