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Doris F. Cranmer, Campaign Treasurer
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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 June 2, 1975
Opinion #(0-11-75)

Dear Mrs. Cranmer:

Your letter dated June 2, 1975 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 not empowered to interpret or enforce
all of the provisions of Title 19 of the Statutes of New
Jersey relating to elections. The Commission is an agency
created by the disclosure law, which is only a part of the
Election Law of the State of New Jersey and the power of the
Commission to give opinions is limited to that disclosure
law. I understand from your letter that the enclosed piece
of material has not in fact to your knowledge been sent
during the 1975 campaign, but is a sample of similar kind of
material which was used during a 1974 campaign.

Such material is political, and assuming that such or
similar material were used during the 1975 election, the
candidate would be required to report the expenditure in
accordance with the provisions of the Act and the regulations.
So long as such reporting was accurately made the Commission
would have no further authority. The Commission is, however,
required to forward to law enforcement officers evidence of
the violation of other laws, such as the use of municipal
stationery or of the time of municipal employees for political

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purposes. The use of a letter purporting to be the act of a municipal governing body for political purposes would be an act which would require the Commission to forward the material to the appropriate law enforcement agency for determination by that agency as to whether a violation of a law existed.

Yours very truly,

Edward J. Farrell
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