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Mark E. Barmak, Secretary  
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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 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 for-  
warded 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 Govern-  
ment 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 con-  
stituted 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