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November 16, 1979

Jeffrey L. Stone,  
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100 Hamilton Plaza  
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Re: The New Jersey Campaign Contributions  
Expenditures Reporting Act, Chapter 83  
of 1973 as Amended and Supplemented ("the Act")  
Your letter dated August 3, 1979  
Opinion #0-11-79

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Dear Mr. Stone:

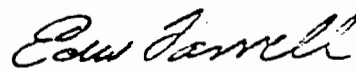
Your letter dated August 3, 1979 to the New Jersey  
Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission"),  
including a request for advisory opinion, has been for-  
warded to me for reply.

In the opinion of the Commission, action taken with  
respect to issues of public importance prior to the time  
when those issues become "public questions" by being placed  
on the ballot are not subject to the reporting requirements  
of the Act.

Accordingly, in the view of the Commission, your organi-  
zation has no reporting requirements under the Act by virtue  
of the activities described in your letter with respect to  
recommendation of adoption of an alternative form of county  
government and your efforts in connection with having that  
question placed on the November, 1979 ballot.

We are enclosing a copy of prior opinion of the Commission  
(#0-94-73) dealing with the question of the reporting obligation  
of a charter study commission, which may be of some assistance  
to you.

Yours very truly,



Edward J. Farrell  
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EJF:no  
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