STATE OF NEW JERSEY ELECTION LAW ENPORCEMENT LEWIS B. THURSTON, III Sidney Goldmann COMMISSION Executive Differior Chairman NATIONAL STATE BANK BLDG. EDWARD J. FARRELL SultE 1114 CORRECT Josephine S. Margetts TRENTON, N. J. 08605 Andrew Axtell (609) 292 8700 March 31, 1980 Peter P. Curtin, Jr. Executive Director New Jersey Democratic State Committee 226 West State Street Trenton, New Jersey 08608 The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act, Chapter 83, Laws of 1973 as Amended and Supplemented ("the Act") Your letter dated January 22, 1980 Opinion #0-04-80 Dear Mr. Curtin: Your letter dated January 22, 1980 to the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission"), including a request for advisory opinion, has been forwarded to me for reply. Nothing in the Act prohibits in-kind contributions to a political committee. The name, address and amount of a contribution in excess of \$100 would be required to be included in the reports to be filed with the Commission. Where the in-kind contribution consists of surpluses which have been allocated among candidates, the allocation must be shown as an expenditure on behalf of the candidates to whom the benefit of the service has been allocated. Nothing in this opinion is intended to be, or should be construed to be, a release of the New Jarsey State Democratic State Committee from its obligation for the filing of timely and complete reports required under the Act. Very truly yours,

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