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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 April 10, 1980
Opinion #0-20-80

Dear Mr. Dineen:

Your letter dated April 10, 1980, to the New Jersey
Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission"), in-
cluding a request for advisory opinion, has been forwarded to
me for reply.

Nothing in the Act prohibits the establishment and ad-
ministration or solicitation of contributions to political
action committees, and N.J.A.C. 19:25-15.39 sets forth
the reporting requirements with respect to a political action
committee. In New Jersey there is no general prohibition
upon corporate contributions, but certain specified entities
such as banks, insurance companies, regulated industries
and casino interests are prohibited from making certain
political contributions. See N.J.S.A. 19:34-32, 19:34-45,
5:12-138.

The Commission is created by Section 5 of the Act and its
authority, including the authority to issue legal opinions, is
limited by the Act. Authority respecting Title 19 (other than
the Act) rests with the Attorney General. Accordingly, we can
express no opinion with respect to the applicability, if any,
of N.J.S.A. 19:34-45 to activities of your company, or with
respect to whether the establishment, administration or
solicitation of contributions to a separate segregated fund,
or other activities related to such fund, as described in your
letter, would constitute contributions in contravention
of N.J.S.A. 19:34-45 or of any other law of the State of
New Jersey.

June 20, 1980

We are enclosing a copy of N.J.S.A. 19:34-45, and of Formal Opinion 14-1979 of the Attorney General of New Jersey and related correspondence, dealing with one aspect of the question.

Yours very truly,



Edward J. Farrell
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EJF:no

Enclosures

N.J.S.A. 19:34-45

Ltr. Midlantic Bank to Commission dated March 21, 1977

Ltr. of Commission to Midlantic Bank dated May 27, 1977

Ltr. of Commission to Theodore Winard, Esq.,
Assistant Atty. Gen. dated July 14, 1977

Formal Opinion No. 14 of Attorney General of
New Jersey dated July 31, 1979