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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 March 21, 1980
Opinion #0-18-80

Dear Mr. Dennehy:

Your letter dated March 21, 1980, to the New Jersey
Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission"),
including a request for advisory opinion, has been forwarded
to me for reply.

I have a question respecting your statement that "no
monies spent were in connection with the campaign." Our
understanding is that the contribution for tickets was
divided into two funds, and expenditures were made from one
of those funds to reduce debts related to the election cam-
paign. We do understand from our records, however, that
the payment of campaign debt was made from the fund for
that purpose and, accordingly, the question of the accuracy
of the statement contained in your letter becomes moot.

In our opinion, the payment by the New Jersey State
Democratic Committee of expenditures relating to the in-
augural ball in the manner described in your letter would
not be regarded as campaign contributions or expenditures,
and nothing in the Act would prevent the payment of the out-
standing obligation in the way described in your letter.

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The New Jersey State Democratic Committee has the obligation of filing annual reports as a political party committee and the next annual report of the Committee would include the reporting of this payment of the outstanding obligation. There is no other reporting requirement under the Act with respect to the payment you described.

Yours very truly,



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EJF:no