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Advisory Opinion No. 15-1988

Dear Mr. Samson:

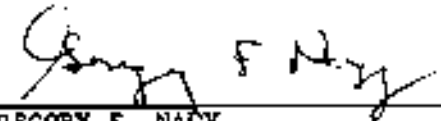
The Election Law Enforcement Commission has directed me to respond to your letter received November 9, 1988 requesting an advisory opinion. Specifically, you have asked the Commission to refer to the State Attorney General an inquiry concerning the application of N.J.S.A. 19:34-32 and 19:34-45 to Mobil Oil Corporation which contemplates making political contributions to candidates for State legislative offices.

The jurisdiction of the Commission to issue advisory opinions is limited to matters arising under "The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act," N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 et seq. This inquiry requires the application of statutes outside of the Reporting Act, prohibiting certain regulated corporations from making political contributions; see N.J.S.A. 19:34-32 and 19:34-45. While the Commission therefore lacks jurisdiction to provide an advisory opinion to this request, it has in the past sought the opinion of the State Attorney General on questions involving statutes prohibiting political contributions. Since your inquiry falls within that category, the Commission will refer your letter for consideration by the State Attorney General.

At such time as the Commission receives a response from the State Attorney General, it will forward the opinion to you.

Very truly yours,

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