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LISTS NINE QUESTIONS TO DECIDE

WASHINGTON - SEPTEMBER 19 - Can a Federal candidate sponsoring a fund-raising dinner receive contributions over the \$1,000 Federal contribution ceiling to help defray the costs of the dinner?

This was among nine requests for Advisory Opinions (AOR's) released by the Federal Election Commission this week for public comment prior to issuing rulings on the questions. A ten-day public comment period follows publication in the Federal Register.

The dinner question, AOR #1975-62, was raised by the Abe Hirshfeld for U. S. Senate Committee, New York.

Other AOR's released this week include the following:

- - - Corporate Donation: Are corporate donations acceptable in connection with a fund-raising event at which a presidential candidate appears, in a state which permits corporate donations, if those funds are not used for any Federal candidate or committee? (AOR #59, requested by Rhode Island Republican State Central Committee).
- - - Fund-Raising Raffle: Can a labor union sponsor a fund-raising raffle for a Federal candidate and, if so, should the proceeds be reported by a candidate's committee as contributions by the union, or by the raffle ticket purchasers? (AOR #60, requested by Citizens for Moffett, Bristol, Connecticut).
- - - Spouse's Family: The law limits contributions from a Senatorial candidate's immediate family to \$35,000. Does "immediate family" include brother, sister, and parents of the candidate's spouse? (AOR #65, requested by U. S. Representative Alphonzo Bell, R, California-27).
- - - Fund-Raising Concert: How should a campaign committee sponsoring a fund-raising concert obtain the name of every person buying tickets costing less than \$10? Are the costs of the concert deducted from the contributions? (AOR#49, Concerts for Hayden for the U.S. Senate, San Francisco, California)?
- - - Dual Candidate Expenses: How should a campaign committee allocate expenditures for the services of an individual to a candidate for two Federal offices at the same time? (AOR #61, requested by Bentsen in '76 Campaign Committee).
- - - Campaign and Office Debts: Can one fund-raising event be used to pay both a 1972 campaign debt and a 1973-74 debt for office expenses? If so, should the solicitations indicate that the funds contributed would be used for both campaign and office deficits? (AOR #64, requested by U. S. Representative Charles Wilson, D, Texas-2).
- - - Excess Campaign Contributions: Can funds raised in 1975 to pay off a Congressman's 1974 campaign debts be transferred to his office account? (AOR #58, requested by U.S. Representative James Blanchard, D, Michigan-18).
- - - Fund-Raising Event: If a non-partisan organization sponsors a general fund-raising event at which a Congressman speaks and requests an honorarium, must the organization report the speaker's fee and travel expenses as a political contribution to the individual? (AOR #63, Women For:, Beverly Hills, California).