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FEC LISTS REQUESTS FOR
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WASHINGTON - OCTOBER 3: If a multicandidate committee conducts an independent poll involving several candidates and then offers the results to one or more candidates, should the results be treated as in-kind contributions to the candidates who receive them?

This is among six Requests for Advisory Opinions (AOR's #73-78) 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 their publication in the Federal Register, October 1, 1975.

The opinion poll question, AOR #76, was raised by the Committee for Responsible Youth Politics, Arlington, Virginia.

Other AOR's released this week include the following:

- 1) Constituent conferences: How should an incumbent Congressman report goods and services provided by companies and civic organizations to support an annual senior citizens conference sponsored by him in his district? [AOR #73, requested by Rep. James G. Martin, (R, N.C. - 9)]
- 2) Contributions by incorporated organizations: Can an incorporated "legislative interest committee" contribute to the support of a federal candidate or to an unincorporated federal political action committee? (AOR #75, requested by American Dental Political Action Committee, Illinois)
- 3) Contribution in non-election years: Does an individual's contribution to a national political committee in a non-election year count toward his contribution limits in an election year? (AOR #74, requested by The Republican National Committee)
- 4) Royalties: Are royalties from the publication of a book by a Congressman subject to the limit placed on acceptance of honoraria? [AOR #77, requested by Rep. John J. Rhodes, (R, Ariz. - 1)]
- 5) Fundraising costs: For the purposes of the expenditure limits, what specific expenses are to be considered fundraising costs? [AOR #78, Rep. Sparks Matsunaga, (D., Hawaii - 1)]