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## FEC PUBLISHES

### "REQUESTS FOR ADVISORY OPINIONS"

WASHINGTON-OCTOBER 17- The Federal Election Commission will be deciding whether "Freedom of Choice", an organization working to obtain in every state "an independent conservative alternative slate of electors for the offices of President and Vice-President", must register and report as a "political committee under the campaign finance act.

On Monday, the FEC will publish a "Request for Advisory Opinion" (AOR #81) from the officers of Freedom of Choice. In their request, the officers said the organization "shall undertake to obtain information concerning legal requirements and to secure the views of knowledgeable individuals in each state on the basis of which, members of the staff will recommend to the officers particular alternative courses of action which may be pursued in each state to assure the presence of an independent conservative choice on the November 1976 ballot."

-----U.S. Steel Political Action Committee: The FEC will also publish Monday a "Request for Advisory Opinion" (AOR #79) inquiring whether the "U.S. Steel Employees Good Government Fund" meets the requirements for a "separate segregated fund" which the law permits a corporation to set up to solicit and receive voluntary contributions for political purposes.

In the request, U.S. Steel said that it will solicit contributions "initially from only salaried employees of the corporation...who are exempt from the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act," but that at a later date it may solicit "other employees, retired employees and stockholders."

The "Selection Committee" of the Fund will, designate the individual candidates and committees to receive contributions, and the amounts of such contributions, although the individual contributors may "require the disbursement of their contributions to candidates and political committees affiliated with a political party designated by them."

-----Congressman Luncheon: The Commission will also publish AOR #80, inquiring whether the costs of a luncheon meeting of a Congressman's home district "advisory group" would be considered a contribution to the Congressman, when paid for by one of the members of the group, at a time when the Congressman is not a declared candidate for re-election. (Requested by U.S. Rep. J. Kenneth Robinson, (R, Va.-7).

A ten day period for public comment follows publication of these AOR's in the Federal Register Monday, following which the Commission may issue its Advisory Opinions.