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ELEVEN REQUESTS FOR
ADVISORY OPINIONS

WASHINGTON-DECEMBER 3 - The Federal Election Commission has published for public comment the following Requests for Advisory Opinions (AOR's) in the Federal Register:

CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE EXPENSES: May a Congressman's campaign committee pay for his flights between his Congressional district and Washington, and ads in football and play programs? (AOR #98, requested by Rep. Chalmers P. Wylie (R, Ohio-15).

CONTRIBUTIONS "IN-KIND": Does volunteer work done by students in a Senator's home office for credit with an educational institution constitute a "contribution in kind" to that Senator subject to campaign limits" (AOR #100, requested by Sen. Frank E. Moss (S, Utah).

TRUST FUNDS: Where a Senator maintains a trust fund comprised primarily of honorariums from speaking engagements, would contributions from the fund for charitable and public organizations, and for academic awards in his home state, be subject to campaign limitations? Would personal contributions to libraries in his home state in his name, or his relations' names, be subject to campaign limitations? (AOR #101, requested by Francis Boyle, for Senator Claiborne Pell (D, R.I.).

PAST CAMPAIGN DEBTS What are the responsibilities of a candidate's campaign committee for past campaign debts guaranteed by the candidate once he has filed for bankruptcy? How long must the Committee exist after it becomes obvious it will be unable to pay off the debt? (AOR #102, requested by the Monahan for Congress Committee, Wayland, Mass.).

STATE PARTY ACTIVITIES: How does the term "subordinate", used in regard to state and local committees in the law, apply to the local committees of a state party organization which elect their members by a public vote and file reports as independent entities under State law? Must debts incurred by a State Party Committee which are unrelated to Federal campaigns be reported, and be subject to the restrictions concerning past campaign debts set out in FEC Advisory Opinion (AO) #6? (AOR #104, requested by Republican Party of Texas).

CONTRIBUTIONS BY PARTNERSHIPS: AO #17 ruled that contributions made by a partnership count against each individual partner's contribution limit in direct proportion to his share of profits. If a partnership does not want to disclose its profit-sharing plan, can a contribution be charged equally to each partner? (AOR #105, requested by the Republican Party of New Mexico).

PRE-PRIMARY NOMINATING CONVENTION: Do contribution and expenditure limitations apply to a special separate "pre-primary nominating convention mandated by State law, and required for all Senate and House candidates in that state (except write-in candidates seeking to be placed on a party primary ballot)? (AOR #105, requested by the Republican Party of New Mexico.)

POST CAMPAIGN DEBT: Is a debt from a 1974 re-election campaign subject to the new contribution and expenditure limitations? (AOR #106, requested by Senator Alan Cranston, (D. Calif).

TELEVISED "NEWSLETTER": Is payment for a televised "newsletter" by a Congressman to his constituents a campaign expense subject to limitation? (AOR #107, requested by Rep. Edward P. Beard (D. R.I.-2).

ALLOCATION OF PARTY & CANDIDATE EXPENSES: If a candidate for Federal office makes a public appearance and solicits funds for (1) his campaign, (2) his party, and (3) other organizations which he and/or his party supports, in what circumstances are those appearances counted as campaign expenditures? When he solicits funds for another organization, is this activity considered a contribution by his party to that organization? (AOR #108, requested by the Committee to Elect Lyndon LaRouche, U.S. Labor Party).

INCUMBENT'S TRAVEL EXPENSES: May an incumbent Senator who is undecided about seeking re-election accept travel expenses from labor unions, corporations, and government contractors, to and from his home state for activities which "are clearly within his duties as a U.S. Senator and are not partisan political activities?" (AOR #109, requested by the National Republican Senatorial Committee and the National Democratic Senatorial Committee).