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Honorable James G. Martin  
U.S. House of Representatives  
115 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Martin:

This refers further to your request for an advisory opinion, our reference AOR 1975-137, as to whether the holding of informational meetings in December of each year for individuals interested in attending one of the military academies, would be charged against your 1976 campaign spending limit under 18 U.S.C. §608(c).

In Buckley v. Valeo, 44 U.S.L.W. 4127 (S.C. January 30, 1976), the Supreme Court recently held, inter alia, that section 608(c) of Title 18, United States Code, is unconstitutional except with respect to sections 608(c)(1)(A) and (B), which still limit presidential candidates receiving Federal funds under chapters 95 and 96 of Title 28, United States Code. The effect of the Court's decision, is that you may make unlimited expenditures from your personal funds, from funds lawfully contributed to your campaign, or from an office account. You should note, that the contribution limitations were upheld by the Court and remain in effect, as do the disclosure provisions of Title 2, United States Code.

In view of the Buckley decision, supra, it appears that no further Commission action is required on AOR 1975-137; therefore, we are closing our files on the matter.

Sincerely yours,

Signed: John G. Murphy, Jr.

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