



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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Honorable Bob Packwood
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510


Dear Senator Packwood:

By letter of March 31, 1976, the General Counsel of the Commission indicated to you the desirability of temporarily closing our file on your request for an opinion concerning the use of excess campaign funds and the operation of an office account.

On August 3, 1976, the Commission transmitted to the Congress proposed regulations implementing 2 U.S.C. §439a, as well as other provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the proposed office account regulation is enclosed for your convenience. (See Part 113 at page 35955 of the Federal Register reprint.) In view of this proposed regulation and 2 U.S.C. §437f, as modified by the 1976 Amendments, which requires the Commission to state rules of general applicability in the form of proposed regulations rather than through the advisory opinion process, it appears that no further action is needed on your request.

If when the proposed regulation may be prescribed by the Commission in final form under 2 U.S.C. §438(c), you still desire an interpretation of the application of that regulation to your situation, you may of course submit a request for an advisory opinion. Thank you for your continued cooperation and understanding of the circumstances which precluded issuance of an advisory opinion in response to your original request.

Sincerely yours,


N. Bradley Litchfield
Assistant General Counsel

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