

DISSENTING OPINION IN ADVISORY OPINION 1981-43

of

COMMISSIONER THOMAS E. HARRIS

I dissent from Advisory Opinion 1981-43, which holds that a trade association PAC's funds may be used to purchase certain get-out-the-vote materials and place them on the property of member hotels.

As Commissioner Reiche's concurring opinion notes, the Commission has not addressed the question of whether the donation of space to display the materials by the member hotels (some of which are corporations) constitutes an impermissible contribution under FECA. I oppose the issuance of an opinion that does not address a question properly raised on the face of the request.