



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20463

**DISSENTING OPINION IN ADVISORY OPINION 1982-18**

of

**COMMISSIONER THOMAS E. HARRIS**

I dissent for the reasons stated in my Dissenting Opinion to Advisory Opinion 1978-75, dated October 30, 1978.

Moreover, it is significant that subsequent to my dissent to Advisory Opinion 1978-75, Congress added still another section to the statute that bears on this matter. 2 U.S.C. 432(e)(5), which became effective in 1979, requires that a separate segregated fund include in its name the name of its connected organization. The evident purpose of this provision was to enable the public and the media readily to identify the controlling corporation of a PAC. That intent may be defeated when the PAC of a subsidiary corporation is allowed to solicit funds from the shareholders and administrative personnel of its parent corporation and of all other subsidiaries of the parent. Contributions from such a PAC appear on reports along with the name of the subsidiary corporation alone, and its corporate parentage and connections may not be generally known.