



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

CONCURRING OPINION IN ADVISORY OPINION 1982-26

of

COMMISSIONER THOMAS E. HARRIS

Although I dissented from Advisory Opinion 1977-32, I concur with the Commission's decision not to reverse that opinion for the reason stated below.

The Federal Election Campaign Act Amendments of 1979 specifically exempted "the Federal Government or any authority of the Federal Government" from the definition of "person." 2 U.S.C. 431(11). Congress presumably was aware of Advisory Opinion 1977-32, and if it wished to exempt municipal corporations from the definition of "person," surely it would have done so in the 1979 amendments.