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July 12, 1995

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Re: Indian-American Leadership Investment Fund  
F.E.C. I.D. No. C00283184

Dear Mr. Litchfield:

I am writing this letter as a follow-up to our telephone conversation of this morning. As I understand it, the FEC is presently considering the parameters of an opinion to be issued to the Indian-American Leadership Investment Fund (IALIF). This opinion concerns the appropriate course of action to be taken by the IALIF regarding possible improprieties associated with funds contributed to the IALIF.

The IALIF has requested guidance from the FEC as to the appropriate course of action that the IALIF should take. Apparently one alternative that is under consideration is to advise the IALIF to exercise its best efforts to determine for itself the propriety of the contributions.

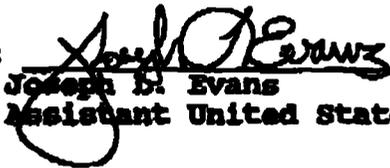
As I indicated in our earlier conversation, this office, in conjunction with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, is conducting a criminal investigation into the circumstances surrounding the raising of funds that were contributed to the IALIF. The circumstances of this investigation are known to the IALIF which has cooperated fully. There are, however, possible problems with the prospect of the IALIF contacting individuals who are witnesses in the on-going criminal investigation. Under these circumstances, any IALIF investigation could seriously intrude upon, and adversely affect, the integrity of the criminal investigation. I might add, as well, that most of the contributors are now represented by counsel and the likelihood of any of them responding to a private inquiry from the IALIF is minimal.

I recognize that the IALIF is attempting to comply with the appropriate regulations and guidelines of the FEC, and it is for that reason that the IALIF has requested guidance from the FEC. Because of the considerations outlined above, it is hereby requested that the advisory opinion recognize the best efforts on the part of the IALIF is served by cooperating with the formal investigation and permitting that investigation to proceed to its conclusion unimpeded. If the FEC is of the view that the IALIF must conduct its own inquiry, I make the alternate request that the FEC permit the IALIF to defer conducting that inquiry until after the conclusion of the formal criminal investigation and the resolution of any criminal charges that may result from that investigation.

Obviously, if you have any questions or concerns regarding these issues, you should feel free to contact me. In the meantime, thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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