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MEMORANDUM

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Secretary of the Commission

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SUBJECT: COMMENTS: PROPOSED AO 1999-1

Transmitted herewith is a timely submitted comment from Clifford E. Greene.

Proposed Advisory Opinion 1999-1 is on the agenda for Thursday, February 25, 1999.

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In regard to ADVISORY OPINION 1999-1. It is my most earnest recommendation that the COMMISSION accept and adopt that opinion proposed under the YES DRAFT by the Advisory Committee.

It is and has been my opinion for many years that the rapid evolution of our current Democratic system, as defined by THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA into a perversion of that system which concentrates the power of the Government into the hands of the Wealthy will cause increasingly bitter alienation between the Government and its Citizenry. It is becoming obvious that so long as the Government of this country continues to ignore the valid concerns of its Citizens, they are in effect establishing a new reigning aristocracy whose membership is based totally on their personal wealth.

As it becomes ~~increasingly~~ obvious under the present system that there are no remedial measures which will allow the Electorate a voice in their own governance I expect that there will be an increasing ground swell of public opinion for a complete revision of the Government to more closely comply with the wishes of the Electorate. Given the increasingly violent and impatient nature of our current population. Such a revision may well result in a violent overthrow of our existing system. You cannot ignore the valid desires of the People with impunity.

An escape valve such as that proposed may well relieve that pressure. If the population sees that some steps are being taken to insure that the average middle class citizen has some valid chance of participating in the Electoral process it may well defer that dissatisfaction until remedial measures can be generated from within the existing system. I can assure you that unless some such scenario does become fact, we will rue the day. We will in truth reap the Whirlwind of hatred and violence.

Thank you:


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