Jesse L. Jackson, Jr.
2nd District, Illinois
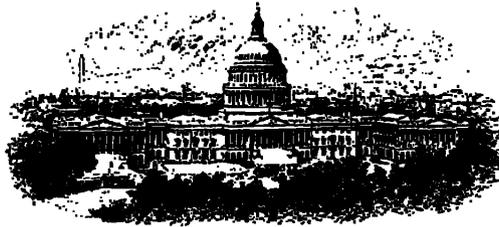
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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Office of the General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

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To the Office of the General Counsel:

I write to respectively request an advisory opinion regarding
whether election law and regulations would allow the Jesse L.
Jackson, Jr. For Congress Campaign Committee to hire my wife,
Sandi Jackson, as a consultant.

In her capacity as a consultant, Sandi would provide critical
fundraising and administrative support and services for my
campaign organization and operations, which I am now in the
process of restructuring. In my view, Sandi's considerable
experience and expertise would give a considerable boost to my
re-election and fundraising efforts.

Throughout her career, my wife has worked in various positions in
both campaigns and government. In addition to her stints as
Chief of Staff for former Congressman Cleo Fields and as Press
Secretary for the late Representative Mickey Leland, Sandi has
worked in national campaigns, including both the 1988 Dukakis and
1996 Clinton presidential bids. Most recently, Sandi served as
Vice President of Congressional and External Affairs for the
Export-Import Bank of the United States.

Considering her impressive qualifications and my interest in
hiring Sandi, I seek the guidance and counsel of the Commission.
Specifically, does hiring my wife raise any conflicts of
interest? What documentation and disclosure are necessary to
support such a contractual arrangement between my wife and my
campaign committee? What documentation is necessary to support
disbursements to my wife? What other issues should be considered
to avoid any problems in the future? Please know that I want to
make certain that all the terms of any future contract between my
wife and my campaign committee comply with the Federal Election
Campaign Act and Commission regulations.

Thank you in advance for your attention and consideration in this
matter. I look forward to receiving your reply.

Sincerely,