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FEC ISSUES OPINION ON
PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE TRAVEL
TO NEW HAMPSHIRE

WASHINGTON - SEPTEMBER 4 ---The Federal Election Commission today ruled that expenses incurred by presidential candidates travelling to New Hampshire in support of one of the Senatorial candidates in the September 16 special election shall not be charged to the presidential campaign expenditure limitations imposed by the Federal Election Campaign Act. The vote was 5 - 1, Commissioner Thomas E. Harris voting in the negative.

In approving the General Counsel's recommendation, the Commission emphasized that the opinion was in no way to be interpreted as a precedent-setting decision. Chairman Thomas B. Curtis stated that the Commission had responded from a "very practical standpoint" in order to provide timely guidance to those involved in a "unique circumstance." The question originally came before the Commission in a letter from the Wyman for Senate Committee posing certain questions relative to potential campaign visits to New Hampshire by President Ford and former California Governor Ronald Reagan.