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## FEC PUBLISHES SIX REQUESTS FOR ADVISORY OPINIONS

WASHINGTON - JANUARY 9 - The Federal Election Commission has published in the Federal Register for public comment the following six Requests for Advisory Opinions (AOR'S):

Honorarium Given by Corporation: Is an honorarium to a Senator running for re-election in 1976, given by a corporation for a speech before the company's executives, some of whom reside in the Senator's home state, considered a contribution to his campaign? (AOR #119, requested by the Democratic National Committee and the Republican National Committee).

Contribution by State Party Subcommittee: May a congressional candidate's campaign committee receive a contribution of more than \$1,000 from a subcommittee of a state political party? (AOR #120, requested by the Clifford Allen for Congress Committee, Nashville, Tennessee).

State Committee Financial Organization: May a state party committee organize its accounts into three separate funds, one for "operating expenses", one for corporate and union contributions allowed by state law, and one exclusively for Congressional candidates? (AOR #121, requested by the Indiana Democratic State Central Committee).

Incorporated Membership Organization: May a "non-partisan national political organization", incorporated for liability purposes only, contribute to Federal candidates without being in violation of the law's ban on corporate contributions? (AOR #122, requested by the Council for a Livable World).

Use of Airplane: Would the use of a privately or corporately owned airplane by a U.S. Senator be considered a political contribution if it is provided by an organization or its members in connection with a speaking engagement by that Senator before that organization? Would it make any difference if the airplane is provided by a person or an organization unconnected with the organization sponsoring the appearance? (AOR #123, requested by Sen. Dale Bumpers (D. Ark.).

State Election Law: How do the Federal Election Campaign Act and the 1974 amendments affect state laws concerning presidential and congressional elections, and the status of copies of Federal election reports filed with the Secretaries of State? (AOR #124, requested by Robert Brewster, Maitland, Florida).