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FEC PUBLISHES
EIGHT REQUESTS FOR
ADVISORY OPINION

WASHINGTON - JANUARY 20, - The Federal Election Commission has published in the Federal Register for public comment the following eight Requests for Advisory Opinion (AOR'S):

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE: What guidelines must a corporation follow in establishing a political action committee (PAC) which will solicit contributions from corporate employees? (AOR #125, requested by Union Camp, Inc., Wayne, New Jersey).

NON-CAMPAIGN ADVERTISING: Are ads placed by a Congressman, paid from his personal funds, in dinner programs and association annual awards programs, during a non-election period, considered campaign expenditures subject to disclosure and limitation? Would it make any difference if the ads were placed during an election campaign? (AOR #127, requested by Rep. Edward J. Patten (D, N.J.-15).

CORPORATE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE: Is it permissible to use corporate political action committee (PAC) funds to buy an ad in a trade journal explaining the purpose of the committee, and to solicit contributions to the PAC from the publication's readership? (AOR #128, requested by the American Book Publishers Association).

CONTRIBUTIONS TO A NON-MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY: May a non-major political party receive individual contributions up to the individual contribution limit of \$25,000 per calendar year? (AOR #129, requested by the Libertarian Party).

FUND-RAISING DINNER: If the contributors at a fund-raising dinner make out separate checks, forwarded to the host-hotel by the candidate's campaign committee to cover the costs of the dinner, is this money considered a fund-raising cost, eligible to be exempted under the candidate's "twenty per cent" exemption from his expenditure limitation of fund-raising expenses? (AOR #130, requested by Rep. James H. Scheuer (D, N.Y. - 11).

DUAL CANDIDACY: How do the contribution and expenditure limits apply to an individual who is simultaneously a candidate for Federal office and for delegate to a national nominating convention? (AOR #131, requested by Rep. Robert Michel (R, Ill-18).

REVIEW OF PREVIOUSLY-ISSUED ADVISORY OPINION: Due to an FEC revision of the proposed office account regulation, the National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC) requests that the Commission re-examine Advisory Opinion 1975-3, previously issued to it, regarding the payment of computer tabulation costs to a Congressman who has sent a questionnaire under the frank. (AOR #132, requested by the NRCC).

USE OF SURPLUS CAMPAIGN FUNDS: Are surplus funds from a 1970 Senatorial campaign, held by a public accountant as Trustee for a Senator, subject to the \$35,000 "personal and family" contribution limit in a 1976 re-election effort? (AOR #133, requested by Senator Quentin Burdick (D, N.D.).