



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

August 22, 1996

Robert F. Bauer
Perkins Coie
607 Fourteenth Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20005-2011

Re: Advisory Opinion Request 1996-30

Dear Mr. Bauer:

This responds to your letter dated July 11, 1996, requesting an advisory opinion on behalf of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee ("the Committees") concerning application of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), and Commission regulations to proposed independent expenditures by the Committees on behalf of their 1996 candidates for the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives.

Enclosed is Agenda Document #96-85 which the Commission considered on August 22, 1996. On that date, the Commission failed to approve this document by a vote of 3-1 and was unable to agree to issue any opinion. An affirmative vote of four members of the Commission is required for the approval of an advisory opinion. See 2 U.S.C. §§437c(c) and 437d(a)(7).

Accordingly, pursuant to Commission regulations at 11 CFR 112.4(a), you are hereby advised that with this letter the Commission has concluded its consideration of Advisory Opinion Request 1996-30.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Bradley Litchfield".

N. Bradley Litchfield
Associate General Counsel

Enclosure