

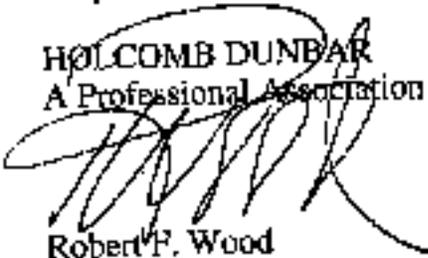
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purpose of aiding any political party or any candidate for any public office, or any candidate for any nomination for any public office or any political party, or to give, donate, appropriate or furnish, directly or indirectly, any money, security, funds or property of said corporation, incorporated company or association in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to any committee or person as a contribution to the expense of any political party or any candidate, representative or committee of any political party or candidate for nomination by any political party, or any committee or other person acting in behalf of such candidate. The limit of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for contributions to political parties shall be an annual limitation applicable to each calendar year.

The MRP's intended actions and conditions are substantially identical to those set forth in Advisory Opinion 1991-5 and 1993-9 where the Commission approved the establishment of a Party Building Fund and stated that any state law prohibiting such a building fund or corporate contributions thereto would be preempted by federal statute. We would request an opinion from your office as to whether, on the terms and conditions described herein, the MRP is or is not prohibited from accepting corporate contributions in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in order to purchase and/or construct a building to be used as a party headquarters.

Respectfully submitted,

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