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Charles Koch*

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Dear John:

I have enclosed for your information two items of interest. The first is the Federal Election Commission Advisory Opinion 1975-129 that was requested by the national Libertarian Party. As you know, this request was submitted by us primarily to satisfy Charles' legitimate concerns of the legality of donating money above the \$1000 limitation to the Libertarian Party. We are pleased that the Commission ruled in our favor and I hope that this information is sufficient for your purposes.

The second enclosure is a copy of the recent Supreme Court ruling regarding our suit against the Federal Election Campaign Act. As you have no doubt heard, it is a mixed bag in terms of the conclusions drawn by the justices. The best things that came out of the decision from our point of view are the pending abolition of the Federal Election Commission (although there will be a serious attempt by some congressmen to re-instate it), the removal of limits on spending by presidential candidates, and the removal of limitations on individuals making independent expenditures on behalf of the candidate. By some obscure logical gymnastics the Court upheld contribution limitations, however. Therefore an individual may still only give up to \$25,000 to a political party, although expenditures by that individual on behalf of a party and/or candidate are unlimited.

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If you should have any further questions about the status of the contributions please give me a call and I will contact our lawyers at Covington & Burling.

Sincerely,

Edward H. Crane, III  
National Chairman

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