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Dear Ed,

Thank you for your letter of September 24. I have not yet heard from the LP's attorney. Before making a contribution I need a legal opinion from him stating how much I can give and why.

As you know, in fund raising quick follow-up, before the prospect loses his enthusiasm or changes his mind, is essential. I suggest that the Libertarian Party set up a procedure for immediately supplying information to and answering questions of all interested potential contributors.

Please put me on the mailing list of the LP News.

With best regards,

Sincerely,



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Things have been very hectic here in Washington. What with the dis-  
cussions with the Commission, lower a court case, and then  
running the business, etc. Hopefully things will be less hectic  
going down and I will be able to be more available to you  
with you.

Be best to you and Les

October 23, 1975

Sincerely,

Mr. Charles Koch  
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Edward H. Crane, Jr.  
National Chairman

Dear Charles:

I very much regret the delay in getting back to you regarding the question of the legality of contributions to the Libertarian Party. When we first arrived in Washington, D.C. we met with John Bolton at Covington & Burling and, as I have indicated to you, he expressed his confidence that there are no problems that he can see in terms of the LP accepting contributions up to \$25,000 from one person. The limitation is a cumulative one for all political contributions so that any contributions made to congressional or senatorial candidates must be subtracted from the total figure. John could have written you to that effect immediately but he felt, and I agreed, that since the Federal Election Commission was expected to issue an advisory opinion "momentarily" concerning this specific subject it would be preferable to wait until the opinion was received.

The Commission has continued to drag its feet, however, although our inquiries are always met with the comment to the effect that the opinion would be out within two or three days. Well, the two or three days have led to two or three weeks and that is the reason for our delay in getting back to you. Obviously, I should have notified you of the status of things anyway.

One promising note concerning both the contribution limitation and the bureaucrats at the Federal Election Commission is that our suit will be heard before the Supreme Court on November 10. Although there is no guarantee that rationality will win the day, if it does Bob and I are personally planning on going down to the FEC to help them move out.

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Things have been very hectic here in Washington what with our discussions with accountants, lawyers, computer people, direct mail fundraisers, printers, etc., etc. Hopefully, things are in the process of settling down and we will henceforth be more prompt in our correspondence with you.

My best to you and Liz.

Sincerely,

Edward H. Crane, III  
National Chairman

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P.S. With regard to the open house you are planning to honor of the Institute and Roger, you may be interested to know we will have available very shortly a four minute color 16mm film of the CBS news coverage of our convention. Your guests might get a kick out of seeing all the excitement in person.