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Senator Marian Bergeson
4500 Campus Drive, Suite 344
Newport Beach, CA 92660

Re: Our File No. A-84-277

Dear Senator Bergeson:

This is in response to your letter of October 26, 1984, in which you requested advice concerning the reporting requirements of landlords who lease office space to state legislators.

FACTS

A landlord leases office space to a state legislator. The lease identifies the state of California or the legislator, as a legislator, as the lessee. The landlord has reduced the standard lease fee to meet the state's office rental allocation.

QUESTION PRESENTED

Is the landlord required to report the lease fee reduction as a contribution?^{1/}

CONCLUSION

The reduction of the lease fee is not classified as a contribution. It is a gift to the State of California. Neither the landlord nor the legislator has any reporting obligation as a result of reduction.

If you have any additional questions or if I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me at (916) 322-5901.

Sincerely,


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^{1/} There is no other possible basis for the landlord to be required to file any report.