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**Re: Your Request for Informal Assistance  
Our File No. I-97-474**

Dear Mr. Wilson:

This letter is in response to your request for advice regarding the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act").<sup>1</sup> Because you are not seeking advice regarding a particular governmental decision, we are treating your request as one for informal assistance.

### QUESTION

Does the Political Reform Act restrict or prohibit a California citizen or corporation from donating monies to a foreign political party?

### CONCLUSION

No. Questions regarding contributions to foreign nationals or political parties are not within the jurisdiction of the Act.

### ANALYSIS

The Act does not contain any provisions which would restrict or prohibit a California citizen or corporation from donating monies to a foreign political party. Rather, the restrictions and prohibitions of the Act only apply to California elections. (Section 82022.) Please note that this advice is limited to the Act and does not provide advice on other restrictions and prohibitions in federal or state law.

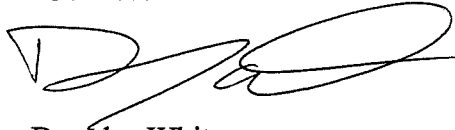
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<sup>1</sup> Government Code sections 81000 - 91014. Commission regulations appear at title 2, sections 18109 - 18995, of the California Code of Regulations. Informal assistance does not provide the requestor with the immunity provided with an opinion or formal written advice. (Section 83114; Regulation 18329(c)(3).)

If you have any other questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (916) 322-5660.

Sincerely,

Steven G. Churchwell  
General Counsel

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. White', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

By: Douglas White  
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