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REFERENCE FILE NO. _____

Mrs. Linda Berge

Oxnard, Ca. 93030

Dear Mrs. Berge:

Mr. Kenneth Webb, Supervisor of Elections of this office, who discussed campaign disclosure with you by telephone on Saturday, February 24, 1974, advises me that it is his distinct impression that you apparently feel there is some action this office should be taking under the law that it is not taking regarding the reporting of campaign expenditures involving the "Ninety-Niners - A Committee for Better Government", Roger B. Cruser, Treasurer. It was at my suggestion that Mr. Webb called you, since you had called the Elections Division, earlier in the week and shown an interest in the subject matter.

If it is your impression that, in accordance with the new law, there is some action this office should be taking that is not being taken, regarding the reporting of campaign expenditures, if you will so advise me in writing, I will investigate the matter and report back to you. Should there be some question as to statutory duties, I will request an opinion from the County Counsel and/or District Attorney.

As you have probably heard, the Waxman-Dymally Campaign Disclosure Act was adopted by the 1973 Legislature as Chapter 1186, which to a great extent re-wrote the campaign disclosure laws.¹ Interpretation of the new statutes is still being made.² However, it does appear that the law does not do many things that people have been lead to believe it does accomplish.

It is out of an abundance of precaution, after reporting the facts to him, that Mr. Stan Trom, District Attorney, is having the matter looked into by his office, since this is the first such complaint or "flap" we have received under the new law.

Sincerely,
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County Clerk & Recorder

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