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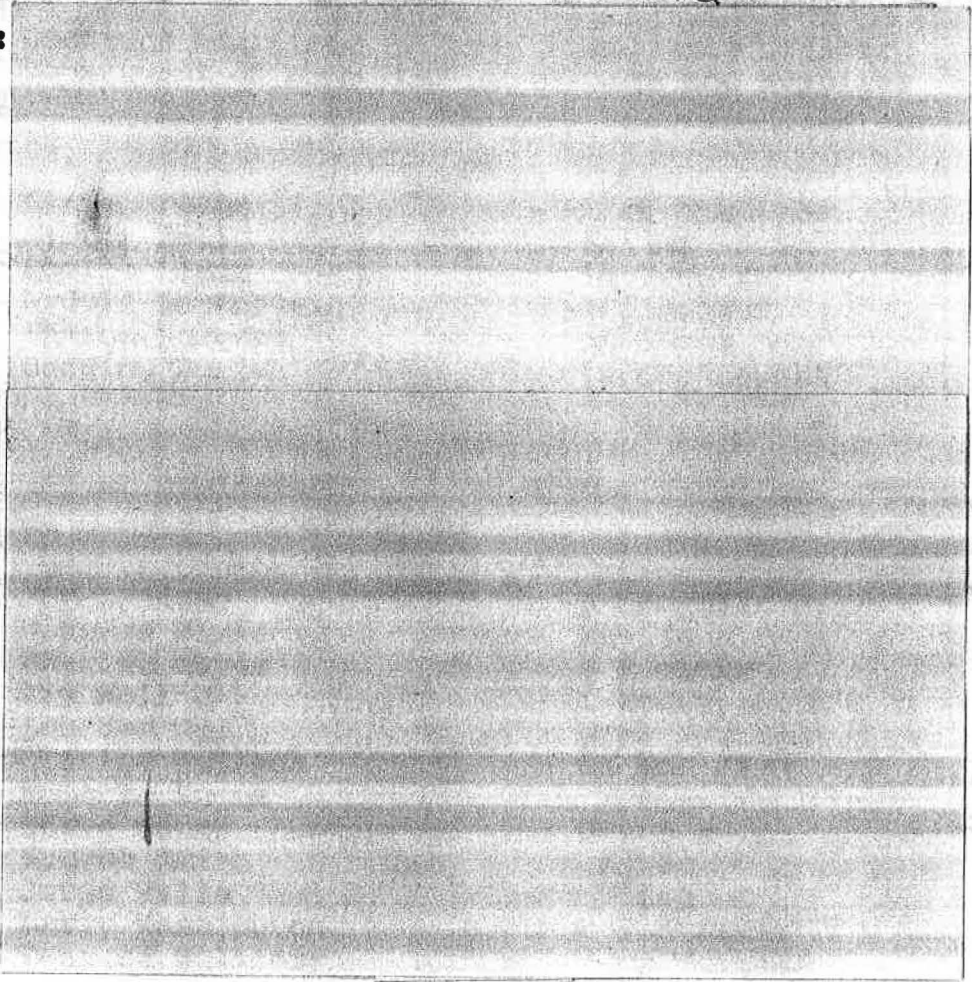
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FROM:

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Re:

- 1) Position of Election Judge
- 2) Attendance of inauguration and alderman-elect victory parties by department employees

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1. Position of Election Judge

At the ethics seminar of [redacted] 1991 I



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incorrectly stated that the Board of Ethics rendered an advisory opinion on whether a city employee serving as an election judge constitutes "political activity" as defined in the City's Governmental Ethics Ordinance. The case I had in mind involved an investigator for the Board of Elections and not election judges.

Upon review of the definition for political activity, Section 2-156-010, paragraph (s), sub-paragraph (8), because election judges are recorders, watchers and challengers on behalf of a political party, such action by an employee of the Department of Purchases would constitute "political activity" and therefore, in violation of the Ordinance.

2. Attendance of inauguration and alderman-elect victory parties by Department of Purchases employees.

It is the Board's opinion that attending the inauguration celebrations of the City to be held on May 6, 1991 does not fall within the definition of "political activity" as contained in the Governmental Ethics Ordinance. Additionally, attending alderman-elect victory parties is also permissible, so long as there is no donation or contribution for admission to the party. Admission fees under the circumstances would be construed as political contributions and prohibited under the Ordinance.

I enjoyed giving the Ethics seminar and hope you found it helpful. We appreciate your bringing these questions to the Board and your willingness to follow the ethical standards embodied in the Ordinance.

If you have any questions regarding this memorandum or if I can be of further assistance to you, please feel free to contact me.

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