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From:

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Executive Director

Re:

Case No. 91023.Q

Date:

January 14, 1991

I am writing to confirm, as we discussed in our telephone conversation on the above date, that the City employees' acceptance of the COMPANY A seminar package that you described to us is not prohibited by the Ethics Ordinance.

According to the materials you sent on January 10, 1991, COMPANY A offered to pay for travel, accommodations, and conference fees for three City employees to attend a conference on TOPIC B to be held in Phoenix, Arizona, GROUP C. The conference is being sponsored by GROUP C. You believe that two of the employees would be from DEPARTMENT D and the third would be from the DEPARTMENT E.

In our telephone conversations, you stated that your department is currently in the process of evaluating two contract proposals for PRODUCTS RELATING TO TOPIC B from two companies. You indicated that neither of the companies being considered for this City contract is COMPANY A although both proposals include equipment manufactured by COMPANY A. Given that the City is in the process of buying PRODUCTS RELATING TO TOPIC B you believe the conference would be highly educational for the employees who would attend.

The staff discussed your request in relation to the gifts provision, § 2-156-040 (prior code § 26.2-4) of the Ethics Ordinance, and it is our belief that, based on previous Board decisions, acceptance of the seminar package you described is permitted.



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Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. We appreciate your inquiry and your willingness to comply with the standards embodied in the Ethics Ordinance. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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