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Dear Ms. Zeigler:

You have asked for the opinion of this Office as to whether a conviction under 18 U.S.C. § 1503 (obstruction of justice) would constitute conviction of a crime of moral turpitude with respect to Article VI, Section 8 of the State Constitution. By an opinion dated October 16, 1979, enclosed, former Attorney General McLeod advised that the crime of obstruction of justice, as prohibited by 18 U.S.C. § 1503, involved moral turpitude. See also In the Matter of Colson, 412 A.2d 1160 (D.C.Ct.App. 1979); In the Matter of Disciplinary Proceedings Against C. Schmidt & Sons, Inc., 158 N.J.Super. 595, 386 A.2d 1321 (1978); and 67 Op.Atty.Gen.Md. 213 dated November 29, 1979.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

*Patricia D. Petway*

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Assistant Attorney General

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Enclosure

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert D. Cook".

Robert D. Cook  
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