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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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*1 The Honorable Chet Atkins
Chairman
Senate Committee on Ethics
State House
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Dear Mr. Atkins:

Thank you for your letter of June 27, 1977, concerning the application of a statewide ethics commission over legislative and executive officials.

The problem has never arisen in this State, most probably for the reason that a separate ethics procedure is established in the South Carolina ethics law whereby legislative ethics are subject to the supervision of legislative bodies created for that purpose. In the light of a recent decision of the Supreme Court of this State entitled State ex rel. McLeod v. Edwards, Governor, I am uncertain where legislative powers vis-a-vis executive powers begin and end.

With best wishes,
Very truly yours,

Daniel R. McLeod
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