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To: Lievano, Maria (DIST12)

Subject: RE: United States Blood Bank

Maria,

The central issue in this matter is whether the United States Blood Bank is a non-profit or for-profit enterprise. If the Commissioner solicits all South Florida hospitals on behalf of a non-profit entity, he would not be in violation of the Code. Commissioners are not, however, permitted to solicit in their official capacity on behalf of for-profit companies.

Please contact me if you have any questions concerning the above.

Thanks,

Robert Meyers

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From: Lievano, Maria (DIST12)

Sent: Monday, December 22, 2003 10:43 AM

To: Meyers, Robert (COE)

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Mr. Meyers:

The marketing manager for the United States Blood Bank (USBB), a community blood center serving Dade and Broward Counties, has approached our office asking for the Commissioner's support. They are specifically asking the Commissioner to send a letter to all South Florida hospitals urging them to use USBB as a source for obtaining blood products. Please advise our office if this endorsement can lead to any direct or potential ethical violations.

I look forward to your response.

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