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Dear Mr. Dellapa:

The Commission on Ethics deferred your request for an advisory opinion at their meeting on April 12, 2000. The Commission decided to defer action because of the ongoing litigation between Dade Aviation Consultants and Knight-Ridder regarding financial information.

In order to issue an opinion on this matter, the Commission would have to make factual determinations of matters at issue in the litigation. The Commission's policy is not to issue opinions regarding matters that are the subject of litigation. Therefore, the matter is being deferred until the conclusion of the court proceedings.

SINCERELY YOURS,

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