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I received a call from Maria Lievano in Commissioner Pepe Diaz' office and she wanted to know whether the Commissioner could write a letter of recommendation to the Judicial Nominating Commission for an Assistant State Attorney he knows who wants an appointment to the bench. I advised her that as long as the Commissioner does not stand to benefit from this recommendation, he can use his official letterhead and stationery for this purpose, as this is related to his duties as a public official.

Her second question was whether the Commissioner could appear in an advertisement with a business executive who wants to bring a soccer team to Miami-Dade County. His title as county commissioner will be identified in the ad as well as his title as co-chair of the county's sports and entertainment authority. I advised her that provided it was clear that he was speaking as an individual commissioner, not speaking for the full commission or the other members of the sports authority, he could appear in the commercials with the business executive.

Robert Meyers
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