

Meyers, Robert (COE)

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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2010 3:23 PM
To: Philippeaux, Gerard (DIST3)
Subject: RE: Ethics opinion request

Mr. Philippeaux:

If your question is whether Commissioner Edmonson may accept this trip paid for the Senegalese government, my answer is yes she can. If you question is whether she must report the trip as a gift, it depends on the amount of time during the trip she is acting in her official capacity. For example, if she stays in Senegal for one week and the entire week is consumed by meetings and other activities organized by the Senegalese government, she would have nothing to report. If, however, she were to take some side trips (unrelated to the mission) or add a few days to her stay before or after the mission, she would have to report those days as a gift.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

From: Philippeaux, Gerard (DIST3)
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2010 11:16 AM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
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Mr. Meyers,

As part of a goodwill mission organized by the government of the Republic of Senegal, Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson has been invited to visit their country. She will be among other officials invited throughout the United States. The trip is fully sponsored by the Senegalese government.

Commissioner would appreciate an opinion from the Commission of Ethics on this matter.

Regards,

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It's important the people should know what you stand for. It's equally important that they know what you won't stand for.

-Mary H. Waldrip

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