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Peter M. Damborg, Deputy

Secretary of State

Jon A. Lund, Attorney General

Attorney General

This will respond to your memorandum dated October 11, 1974, inquiring whether or not all candidates who are given equal "free" TV time must report the same as an expense of their candidacy.

Since such free time is obviously being provided in furtherance of public service and newsgathering functions, and is in conformity to the FCC equal time requirements, we conclude that the same need not be reported as an expense of candidacy.

JON A. LUND
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