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I am attaching, for your information, an Office of Legal Affairs opinion to Southeast Missouri Legal Services, Inc., dated May 29, 1997, which provides further discussion of this issue.

I hope that this information adequately addresses your inquiry. If you have questions or need additional assistance, please feel free to contact me directly at (202)336-8871.

Sincerely,

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