



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
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MILTON J. SHAPP
GOVERNOR

June 5, 1974

Honorable Patrick A. Gleason
House of Representatives
Room B-10 Main Capitol
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Gleason:

Once again, the political overtones of your committee's investigation are quite glaring.

Some months ago, a story appeared in the press regarding a real estate transaction between a former business associate of mine and the Department of Property and Supplies attempting to draw an inference that I was personally involved.

Because of the innuendoes implicit in that story I requested at that time to appear before your committee and answer under oath any questions you wished to ask of me in this regard.

I also advised you then that there was no reason at any time to subpoena records relating to my administration or to my personal affairs, as I would be glad to appear before your committee and answer any questions.

Now I learn that you are probing again, this time into some of the sources of my campaign funds in 1966 and 1970. Once again, you are issuing subpoenas even though this action is not required. I realize those actions and the headlines you hope to achieve will make political hay, but is that the purpose of your committee's activities?

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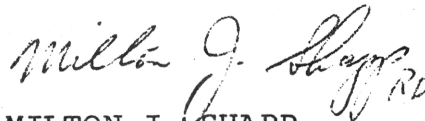
In the present line of inquiry you have subpoenaed the records of several banks in regard to loans made by them to my campaigns in 1966 and 1970.

All of this information is already a matter of public record. It first was reported in my campaign expenditure records, filed in accordance with Pennsylvania's election laws.

Further, in the financial disclosures that I voluntarily issue twice a year since I have become Governor, I refer to one of these bank loans as being still outstanding, but also I wish to point out that this loan is (and I might add, always was) fully collateralized as were the ones paid off.

Once again, I repeat to you, there is no need to subpoena records of my transactions. Just ask and you shall receive all relevant information under oath, as I have volunteered to do.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Milton J. Shapp". To the right of the signature, there are initials "RD".

MILTON J. SHAPP
Governor

Dictated but not signed by the Governor