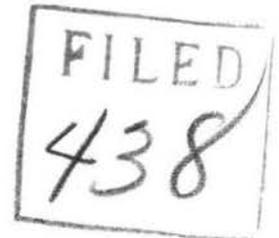


November 14, 1963



Honorable Loyd J. Estep
Representative Christian County
Sparta, Missouri

Dear Mr. Estep:

We have your letter of October 31, 1963. Although your letter does not specifically so state, I take it that your inquiry relates to the appropriation and payment of funds for the office of Lieutenant Governor, since you specifically inquired about same at a recent legislative hearing.

As you probably know, for years and years the various expenses of the Lieutenant Governor's office were paid upon requisition made by him. Such procedure was authorized by the various appropriation bills as enacted by the legislature.

In 1959, the language of the appropriation bills was considerably shortened and the phrase "payable upon requisition made by the Lieutenant Governor" was deleted.

During the 1963 legislative session, question was raised as to this method of bill payment and Lieutenant Governor Bush himself decided that since the above language was no longer being used in the appropriation bills that the practice should be discontinued. Lieutenant Governor Bush on his own initiative made a full, public accounting of all expenditures made by him and the expenditures were submitted to the Comptroller who found them to be appropriate. I feel certain, if you desired it, that Lieutenant Governor Bush would be glad to furnish you with a copy of this list of expenditures.

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Since that time, the Lieutenant Governor's appropriations have been handled in the identical manner as all other officials, departments, etc.

Yours very truly,

THOMAS F. EAGLETON
Attorney General

cc: Representative Elva D. Mann
Polk County