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Dear Mr. Martin:

Thank you for your June 11, 1987 letter concerning your recent public records petition. I take this opportunity to respond to points made in your letter.

First, you say that without all of the information you requested, you cannot determine the validity of claims of infractions in public hiring. You do not specify what type of information one would need to substantiate the claims you report have been made to you.

Second, you ask whether the Attorney General's office can investigate infractions in public hiring. The Attorney General is authorized by law to investigate allegations of public corruption, but generally claims of public hiring irregularities do not rise to this level of concern.

Third, you express concern about the three Legislative Administration positions mentioned in your public records petitions. Please be advised that if the procedures for filing those positions are challenged in judicial or administrative proceedings, the Attorney General's office may appear on behalf of the appointing authority to defend its actions and procedures.

Again, thanks for taking the time to follow-up on the public records disclosure process.

Sincerely,

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