Mr. Lytle J. Freehafer,
Director of the Budget,
302 State House,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

This is in response to your request of May 8, 1950 as follows:

"Section 2 (a) of Chapter 257, Acts of 1949, reads in part as follows:

'Sec. 2 (a). That for the conduct of the state government, its offices, boards, commissions, departments, societies, associations, services, agencies, and undertakings, and for other appropriations not otherwise provided by statute, the following sums are hereby appropriated for the periods of time herein designated from the General Fund of the State of Indiana: * * *

'FOR THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

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"I have been informed that the last member of the GAR died in February, 1949, and the consequently there is no longer a GAR organization as such. I am also informed that the auxiliary organizations plan to hold a convention or encampment during the month of June, 1950.

"I should like to have your Official Opinion as to whether, in view of the above facts, the appropriation made to the GAR can be used by the auxiliary organizations."

It is to be noted that the appropriation referred to is "For the Grand Army of the Republic Encampment and not to the Grand Army of the Republic". I find that for many years our legislature has made annual appropriations not only to the Grand Army of the Republic; but to various other patriotic
organizations, such as United Spanish War Veterans, Disabled American Veterans of World Wars, and Veterans of Foreign Wars. In all of the Appropriation Acts we find the Term "Encampment". In several of the Acts it is specifically provided: "That the appropriation for annual encampment shall be expended in the city in which the annual encampment is held, * * *" likewise the provisions "To assist in the payment of the annual encampment" and "For the National Encampment."

I believe that these provisions or expressions are indicative that the Legislature was using the term "Encampment" for convention. I am therefore of the opinion that the appropriation mentioned herein is for the convention to be held here in Indianapolis for the Grand Army of the Republic. This organization like other organizations has within it a women's auxiliary. Though the record may read that all of Indiana's Civil War veterans have passed away, still there are a few of the living old Guard within the nation.

It is my thought that the Legislature in passing this appropriation had these men and the women's auxiliary in mind. Therefore, it is my opinion that the appropriation made can be used for the purposes named in your letter.

OFFICIAL OPINION NO. 36

June 12, 1950.

Honorable Samuel C. Hadden,
Chairman, State Highway Commission,
State House Annex,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

I have your request for an official opinion on questions set forth in your statement of facts, which, so far as material, reads as follows:

"The State Highway Commission of Indiana, on May 10, 1950, submitted to the Budget Committee a request for the transfer from that part of the biennial appropriation made by the Legislature in the Session