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Opinions Division
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Dear Opinions Division,

Enclosed is a request from the Texas A&M Residence Hall Association asking for my opinion about a casino night they wish to conduct. Also enclosed is my reply. There is no question that the Residence Hall Association is a worthwhile group, and if I am in error in my opinion I will gladly withdraw it.

Please accept this letter as a request to rule on the legality of the casino night as documented by the letter dated December 11, 1991.

I am regularly asked about casino nights conducted by fundraising groups, and the term "thing of value" appears to make each event illegal when the play money is ultimately used to purchase prizes, bid on prizes at auction, or traded for a raffle ticket. I would appreciate any opinion to help clear up the confusion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Turner".
Bill Turner

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Enclosure

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