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Federal City Council.

This is in response to your question as to whether the above-referenced is a private or public body.

The Council is a private organization composed of a volunteer membership drawn from private citizens who are business and civic leaders in Washington. It was founded in 1954 by the late Philip Graham, president of the Washington Post, to arouse public interest and participation in solving problems of the metropolitan area. Illustrations of the types of problem dealt with and names of the members are mentioned in the brochure which accompanied the letter of the current Council president, William P. Rogers, to the Attorney General.

During 1961, a policy was adopted of inviting members of the President's Cabinet, the Director of the Bureau of the Budget and other federal officials to serve the Council in an advisory, ex officio capacity as federal trustees. President Kennedy advised the then president of the Council that the invitation was "willingly accepted" by all the officials invited.

A proposed response to Mr. Rogers for the Attorney General's signature is annexed.

Attachment