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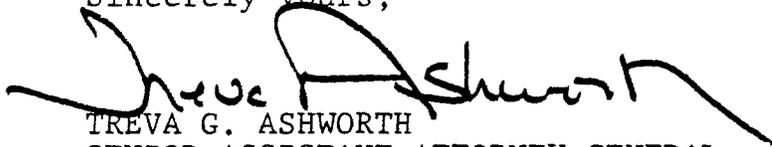
Dear Senator Wilson:

I am in receipt of your recent letter regarding poll watchers. You have referred to my 1978 letter to Representative Joyce Hearn and inquired if the poll watchers right to observe includes the right

...to read the sign in poll list long enough to review names so long as a voter is not delayed.

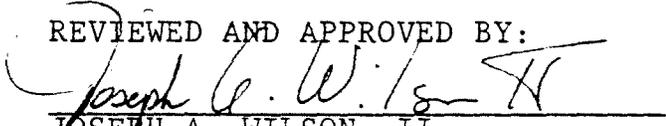
As long as in the opinion of the poll managers the activity does not interfere with the election, there is no reason why a poll watcher should not be able to review the names of the persons who have signed the poll list.

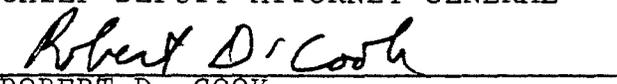
Sincerely yours,


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