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Dear Mr. Engle:

This letter is to confirm that Mr. Brooks has granted the Commission an extension until May 5 to respond to his advisory opinion request, AOR 2006-8. Additionally, your comment on Agenda Doc. 06-32 raised some issues for which the Commission seeks additional information. You indicate that the Corporation wishes to provide commentary and analysis of Federal candidates as a service to its subscribers. In order to consider fully this aspect of Mr. Brooks' proposal, the Commission requests the following details:

1. Please provide further details regarding precisely what information will be sought from subscribers and what information would be provided in response. For example, on the issue of taxes will the subscriber be asked to identify themselves as "in favor of tax cuts" or "against tax cuts" and the Corporation would then determine what information or analysis to send to the subscriber? Alternatively, would the subscriber be able to request specific information or analysis from a list of organizations provided by the Corporation?

2. You indicate that the Corporation will provide data on the "strength of the candidate's party loyalty." How will this data be compiled?

3. Please provide more information regarding which media articles the Corporation will forward to subscribers. You state that the Corporation will forward "relevant" media articles. How will the Corporation determine which media articles are relevant? Will the subscriber or the Corporation determine which news articles the subscriber will receive?

Thank you for agreeing to the extension. If you have any questions, please contact Mai Dinh or Dan Abramson at 202-694-1650.

Sincerely,

Rosemary C. Smith
Associate General Counsel