



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D C 20463

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Marc E. Elias
Ezra W. Reese
Perkins Coie
607 Fourteenth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

RE: MUR 5501
Senator John Kerry

Dear Messrs. Elias & Reese:

This is in response to your letter dated August 25, 2004, which we received on that day requesting an extension until September 27, 2004, to respond to the complaint filed in the above-noted matter. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Office of General Counsel has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on or before September 27, 2004.

If you have any questions, please contact me on our toll-free telephone number, (800) 424-9530. Our local telephone number is (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim C. Stevenson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Kim C. Stevenson, Paralegal
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