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## VIA FACSIMILE AND FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. Michael Marinelli Assistant General Counsel Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20463

RE: AOR 1998-11

Dear Mr. Marinelli:

This letter responds to the questions you have raised over the telephone with respect to AOR 1998-11. The answers to your questions are as follows:

- (1) Patriot Holdings ("PH"), American Ship Management ("ASM") and Patriot Contract Services ("PCS") all are taxed as partnerships rather than as corporations.
- (2) PH, ASM and PCS do <u>not</u> have partners which are foreign nationals or federal contractors.
- (3) By this letter I am hereby waiving the time deadlines within which the FEC must respond to my Advisory Opinion Request.

Please feel free to contact me at you convenience should you have any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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