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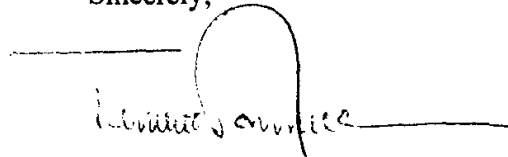
Dear Mr. Noble:

I write with respect to the notification of the Office of General Counsel's recommendation that the Commission find probable cause to believe that this firm's client, Mr. Haley Barbour, committed a knowing and willful violation of the federal campaign laws in the above-captioned Matter Under Review.

While your letter was dated December 23, 1988, it did not arrive in our offices until December 29, 1998, at a time when both Mr. Barbour and attorneys handling this matter were out of the office for the holidays. Indeed, Mr. Barbour returned to Washington only yesterday. In light of these facts, we hereby request a 30-day extension of time – until February 3, 1999 – in which to consult with our client and prepare a response to the Office of General Counsel's probable cause recommendation and brief.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at the number listed above.

Sincerely,


Terrence O'Donnell

cc: José M. Rodriguez, Esq.