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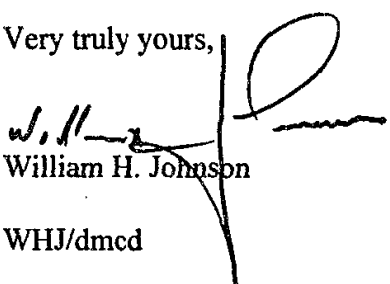999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

RE: MUR 4545

Dear Ms. Morrison:

Consolidated Rail Corporation (hereinafter Conrail) received correspondence dated November 4, 1996 from the Federal Election Commission which transmitted a complaint filed by the Republican National Committee alleging that Conrail may have violated the Federal Election Campaign act of 1971, as amended. Unfortunately, the copy of the complaint received is missing page number 5 and attachment 2 thereto is illegible. During our conversation this day you agreed to FAX to me the missing page 5 and, if one is available to you, a legible copy of attachment 2.

Although I suspect that Conrail was fully reimbursed for the use of its tracks by Amtrak pursuant to existing trackage rights agreements we should need additional time to fully investigate the circumstances of Conrail's participation in the "Clinton-Gore '96'" train trip in order to provide the Commission with a complete response to the Complaint. I am therefore requesting that Conrail be granted an extension until November 27, 1996 to respond.

If you have any question regarding this request please call me at (215) 209-5018. Your favorable consideration of this request is most appreciated.

Very truly yours,

William H. Johnson

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STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

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    The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

11-14-96
Date

Signature

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