



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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March 18, 1998

RE: MUR 4648
William D. Powers

Dear Mr. Ginsberg:

This Office is in receipt of your letter dated March 12, 1998, requesting an extension of 20 days, until April 6, 1998 on behalf of your client, William D. Powers, to respond to the Order to Submit Written Answers issued to him by the Federal Election Commission. You submit that the extension is necessary because of Mr. Powers' travel schedule and the need to have adequate time to prepare the required responses. Commission records show that Mr. Powers received the Order, which requires a response within 15 days of its receipt, on March 2, 1998. Accordingly, under the terms of the Order his response was due on March 17, 1998.

This Office is unable to grant a 20-day extension. The Commission desires to proceed as quickly as possible in pursuing this matter and completing the discovery phase. As information produced in the course of this matter has required this Office to return to the Commission with additional discovery requests, this Office must remain mindful that such a possibility may exist with respect to information to be produced by Mr. Powers.

Nevertheless, given the lateness of this response, this Office is willing to grant an extension of 10 days. Accordingly, Mr. Powers response to the Commission's Order to Submit Written Answers is due by the close of business on Friday, March 27, 1998.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Buckley".

Tony Buckley
Attorney