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VIA COURIER

Lawrence M. Noble, Esquire
General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
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Re: MUR 4648 - New York Republican Federal Campaign Committee and
Michael Avella, as treasurer, Jeffrey T. Buley; William D Powers

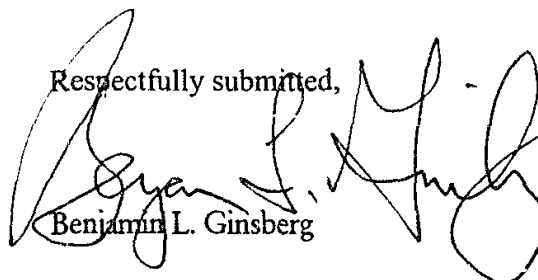
Dear Mr. Noble:

As counsel to the Respondents in the above-captioned matter, this is a formal request for an extension of time to respond to the General Counsel's Brief received by us on September 7, 1999. Accordingly, the initial 15-day period would expire on September 22, 1999. We request a 30-day extension until October 21, 1999 to respond.

This extension is needed in order to prepare an adequate response to the Commission's brief in this matter, which it has been considering for more than two years. The persons with whom I need to consult in order to prepare a response have very active travel schedules during this month and the beginning of the next. In addition, as the Office of General Counsel knows, I face an extremely crowded calendar in the next few weeks. Accordingly, I also respectfully request the extension in order to prepare a complete response.

For the above-cited reasons, Respondents request an extension until October 21, 1999 to respond to the General Counsel's Brief.

Respectfully submitted,


Benjamin L. Ginsberg