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September 26, 1997

VIA FACSIMILE

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Federal Election Commission
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RE: MUR 4674

Dear Ms. Smith:

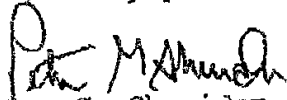
As you know, this office represents the New Jersey Republican State Committee ("RSC") in the above-referenced action. I attach RSC's Statement of Designation of Counsel. A hardcopy of this Designation will follow by mail.

The RSC received the Complaint on September 22, 1997. Pursuant to the Description of Preliminary Procedures, I hereby request an extension of time to respond to the Complaint. The RSC is in the midst of New Jersey's gubernatorial election. The subject Complaint requires some research into RSC's older, archived files and discussions with RSC employees, who are currently occupied on a full-time basis with the upcoming November 4, 1997 gubernatorial election.

Accordingly, the RSC requests an extension of time until November 15, 1997 to respond to the subject Complaint.

Thank you for your courtesy in this regard.

Very truly yours,


Peter G. Sheridan

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Enclosure