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Ms. Alva E. Smith
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MJR 4766

Dear Ms. Smith:

As we discussed on the telephone today, I write to inform you that this law firm represents Senator McConnell in connection Matter Under Review 4766. A statement of designation of counsel was sent under separate cover earlier today. As the Senator did not receive the notice of the complaint until July 6, 1998, his response would ordinarily be due on July 21, 1998.

Also as we discussed, we hereby request a one-week extension of time in which to respond. Under that extension, the Senator's response would be due on or before July 28, 1998. The reason for this request is that the complaint presents difficult issues of election law, including whether the potential issue advertisements described in the complaint are subject to regulation by the Commission. Also, as the complaint does not name Senator McConnell as a respondent or articulate a theory under which he could be in violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, it will take us additional time to evaluate the complaint and prepare a response. Finally, as the complaint is not based on information and belief, it will take us additional time to ascertain the relevant facts surrounding the complaint.

Sincerely,


Michael A. Dawson