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Via Fax Transmittal to: 202-219-3923

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

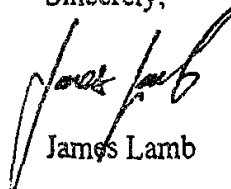
Re: MUR 4856

Dear Ms. Smith:

We have been designated as counsel by the Independence Party of New York to represent them in the above referenced MUR. I am writing to request an extension of time for the Independence Party to respond to the complaint filed by the New York Republican State Committee. I returned from vacation on November 23, 1998 and the complaint was received while I was out of the office. In addition, with the Thanksgiving holiday this week we do not have sufficient time to prepare a response by December 1, 1998. Accordingly, we respectfully request that the deadline for filing a response to the complaint be extended to December 9, 1998.

Once again, thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



James Lamb

cc: L. Oliver

STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

MUR 4856

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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.

11/25/98
Date

Laureen A. Oliver
Signature

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