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**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**  
Washington, DC 20463

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Chairman Scott E. Thomas  
Vice Chairman Darryl R. Wold  
Commissioner Lee Ann Elliott  
Commissioner David M. Mason  
Commissioner Danny L. McDonald  
Commissioner Karl J. Sandstrom

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**SUBJECT:** MUR 4816

Attached, for your file, is a copy of a late response filed by respondent R.M. Barela in the above-captioned MUR.

We received this complaint and opened the MUR on September 28, 1998. Mr. Barela received timely notice of the complaint but failed to either file a response or to request an extension of time in which to respond.

Mr. Barela's response also contains allegations that the complainant, a former candidate in the 1998 Congressional race in the 43<sup>rd</sup> District of California, may have violated the FECA. Accordingly, it will also be accepted as a new complaint and processed accordingly.