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Via Facsimile and First Class Mail

Xavier K. McDonnell, Esq.
Office of the General Counsel
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Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 4818

Dear Mr. McDonnell:

We are in receipt of your letter of August 15, 2001, addressing our August 7, 2001 request for additional materials cited in the General Counsel's Brief on probable cause in the above-referenced MUR. Thank you for these materials.

In view of the time consumed in identifying, requesting and receiving the various depositions and other materials cited in the General Counsel's Brief, we request an additional extension of ten (10) days in which to file a responsive brief on behalf of our clients, Senator Gene Stipe and The Stipe Law Firm.

If this request is granted, our brief would be due on Tuesday, September 4, 2001.

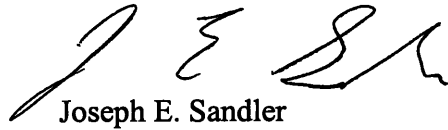
We will, of course, be prepared to execute an agreement to toll the statute of limitations for this additional period of time, on behalf of our clients.

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Thank you for your time and attention to this request.

Sincerely yours,



Handwritten signature of Joseph E. Sandler, consisting of stylized initials 'J E S' followed by a surname.

Joseph E. Sandler

cc: James E. Frasier, Esq.

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