



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

August 20, 2001

VIA FAX (202-543-7686) AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

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RE: MUR 4818
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Dear Mr. Sandler:

This is in response to your letter which we received on August 17, 2001, requesting another extension of ten (10) days to respond to the General Counsel's Brief in addition to the thirty (30) days already granted by this Office. Although this Office does not normally grant multiple extensions of time to respond to the General Counsel's Brief, after considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Office of the General Counsel has granted the requested extension, conditioned upon your clients' consent to extend the statute of limitations in this Matter for an additional ten (10) days pursuant to the consent agreement attached. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on Thursday, September 6, 2001, provided that the tolling agreement is signed and delivered to this office no later than August 24, 2001.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,


Xavier K. McDonnell
Attorney

Encl. Tolling Agreement