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**General Counsel's Office  
Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20463**

Dear Sir or Madam:

We are in receipt of your letter dated November 16, 1999, regarding the complaint filed against CNN News by Mr. Robert Vinson Brannun. We appreciate the opportunity to respond and do so as follows.

Mr. Brannun makes a general accusation in his complaint that the “actions” of CNN are somehow violating the rules regarding “reasonable access”. As such, Mr. Brannun alleges that these unidentified actions constitute illegal corporate contributions on the part of CNN. Mr. Brannun further alleges that CNN has become an “inappropriate electronic voter guide[s] advocating the election of an individual or group of political candidates for Federal elective office.”

CNN has always operated and will continue to operate within the parameters of the Federal Election Commission's rules regarding the media as well as the Federal Communications Commission's rules regarding the provision of free time to candidates. Our coverage of political news stories is balanced and fair, and not to the benefit of any particular candidate or political party.

As Mr. Brannun's complaint fails to allege any specific violations on the part of CNN there are no factual or legal materials to submit. Again, we appreciate the opportunity to respond and hope the Commission will dismiss this matter without taking further action.

Sincerely,

  
Barbara W. Bonfiglio  
Counsel for CNN

Cc: David C. Kohler, Esq.  
General Counsel, CNN


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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.

12/3/99  
Date

  
Signature

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