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VIA COURIER

Lawrence M. Noble, Esq.
General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463

Re: MUR 4953
The National Republican Congressional Committee

Dear Mr. Noble:

This letter respectfully requests an extension of time for the National Republican Congressional Committee ("NRCC") to respond to the complaint in the above-captioned Matter Under Review ("MUR").

On December 16, 1999, the NRCC received notification from the Federal Election Commission (the "Commission") of the complaint filed by the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. Currently, the NRCC must file a response by December 31, 1999, fifteen days after receipt of the complaint. As you know, these fifteen days are occupied by the holiday season, limiting our ability to conduct the fact-finding necessary to respond to the complaint. Therefore, the NRCC requests a twenty (20) day extension of time until January 17, 2000 (January 15, 2000 is a Saturday).

Also, please find enclosed a Designation of Counsel authorizing us to act on the NRCC's behalf in connection with this MUR.

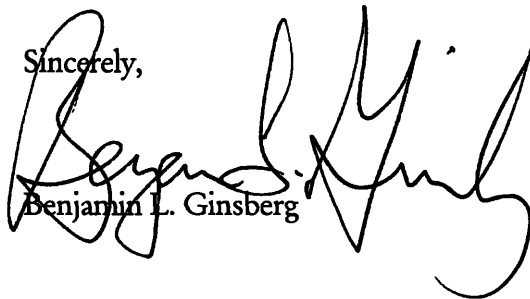
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Thank you for considering this request for an extension of time. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Benjamin L. Ginsberg

Enclosure

STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

MUR 4953

NAME OF COUNSEL: Benjamin L. Ginsberg

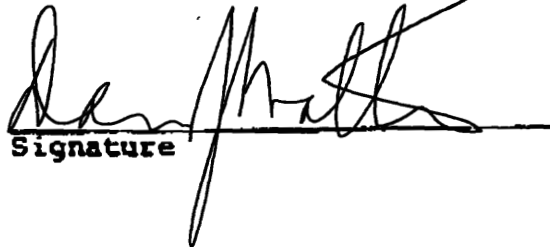
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The above-named individual is hereby designated as my
counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other
communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before
the Commission.

December 20, 1999
Date


Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: National Republican Congressional Committee

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