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Re: MUR 4953
The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert

Dear Mr. Noble:

This letter respectfully requests an extension of time for the Honorable J. Dennis Hastert to respond to the complaint in the above-captioned Matter Under Review ("MUR").

Congressman Hastert received notification from the Federal Election Commission (the "Commission") on December 20, 1999, of the complaint filed by the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. Currently, Congressman Hastert must file a response by January 4, 2000, fifteen days after receipt of the complaint. As you know, these fifteen days are occupied by the holiday season, hampering our ability to conduct the fact-finding necessary to respond to the complaint. Accordingly, we request a twenty (20) day extension of time so that the response will be due on January 24, 2000.

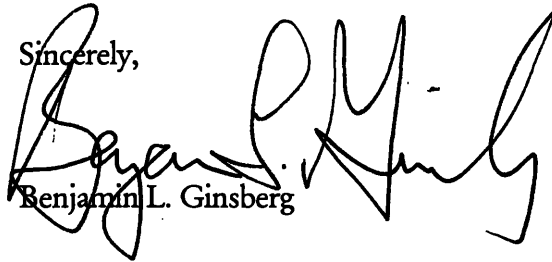
Also, please find enclosed a Designation of Counsel form authorizing us to act on Congressman Hastert's behalf in connection with this MUR.

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Benjamin L. Ginsberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "B" and "G".

Benjamin L. Ginsberg

Enclosure

STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

MUR 4953

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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.

Dec. 21, 1999
Date

J. Dennis Hastert
Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert

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