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VIA FACSIMILE & U.S. MAIL

John R. Velasquez
Office of the General Counsel
Federal Elections Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 4953

Dear Mr. Velasquez:

U.S. Family Network, the Republican Majority Issues Conference, Karl Gallant, Edward Buckham, Robert Mills and Dick and Betsy DeVos were notified in a letter dated December 15, 1999, that the Federal Election Commission had received a complaint, which has been designated as Matter Under Review 4953. As the Commission will be advised by separate correspondence, each of the above have designated Bopp, Coleson & Bostrom to represent them in this matter.

Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1), these respondents have the opportunity to demonstrate in writing within 15 days of notification why the Commission should take no further action. We respectfully request an extension to respond. We request that our response be due on February 15, 2000. Because we have just been retained, the additional time is necessary for us to fully apprise ourselves of the facts and the complex legal issues to present the Commission with an appropriate response.

Sincerely,

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