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Federal Election Commission
General Counsel's Office
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20463
Attn: Marianne Abely

Re: MUR 4953

Dear Ms. Abely:

As I indicated in our telephone discussion of yesterday, I have been retained to represent Scott Hatch in preparation of his responses to the Commission's Subpoena and Order of June 17, 2003. I have just been retained by Mr. Hatch, so I am not prepared to represent him in regard to this matter without some time in which to review issues regarding his responses. As both my client and myself will be out of town from this Wednesday, August 6 until Monday, August 11, I will not be in a position to respond by the present due date of August 11. I am proposing an extension of one week, until Monday, August 18, to respond in this matter.

If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



E. Mark Braden

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