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Re: MUR 4987

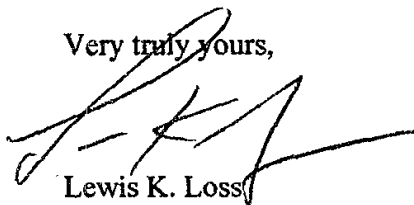
Dear Mr. Jordan:

This firm serves as counsel for the Commission on Presidential Debates ("CPD"), the respondent in connection with the above-referenced matter. We enclose, for your information, a copy of CPD's Designation of Counsel Form.

The CPD has received a copy of the voluminous complaint filed against it by the Reform Party of the USA and others. The complaint includes wide-ranging allegations, including allegations involving conduct and events occurring over a twelve-year period. In order properly to respond to the complaint, it will be necessary to compile a great deal of information, including declarations from a number of individuals who are geographically disbursed and whose availability on short notice is extremely limited. Accordingly, we respectfully request that the period of time for the CPD to respond to the complaint be extended by a period of twenty (20) days, from April 13 to and including May 2, 2000.

We very much appreciate your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,


Lewis K. Loss

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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.

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Date

Janet H. Brown
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