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RE: MUR 5197
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Dear Mr. Ginsberg:

This is to advise you that the file in this matter has been closed and this matter is now public. Documents relating to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). A copy of the dispositive General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure (By U.S. Mail only):
General Counsel's Report

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