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Ms. Elizabeth Williams
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 5197

Dear Ms. Williams:

The Commission's letter regarding the above-captioned MUR, dated April 23, 2001, was received by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("Freddie Mac"), on April 26, 2001. We are enclosing a designation of counsel form indicating that we will be representing Freddie Mac.

Under the Commission's regulations, Freddie Mac's response is due on May 11, 2001. In order to gather all relevant facts, we request a thirty day extension, meaning that our response would be due on June 11, 2001. If you have any questions, you may reach me at (202) 662-5197.

Sincerely,


Timothy J. Keefer

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STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

MUR 5197

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The above-named individual is hereby designated as respondent's counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on respondent's behalf before the Commission.

4/27/01

Date

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