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Donald F. McGahn II, Esq.  
National Republican Congressional Committee  
320 First Street, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20003

Re: MUR 5197

Dear Mr. McGahn:

This is in response to your letter dated July 10, 2003, which we received on July 15, 2003, requesting that you be given until July 28, 2003 to respond to the notification that the Commission found reason to believe that the National Republican Congressional Committee and Christopher J. Ward, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a). After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Office of the General Counsel has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on July 28, 2003.

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

Sincerely,

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