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VIA FACSIMILE & U.S. MAIL

Charles R. Spies, Esq.
Republican National Committee
301 First Street, SE
Washington, DC 20037

RE: MUR 5428
Republican Party of Arkansas and
Blair L. Fortner, as treasurer

Dear Mr. Spies:

This responds to your April 5, 2004 letter requesting an extension of 60 days to respond to the Commission's reason to believe findings and the factual and legal analysis in this matter. It also confirms our subsequent phone conversation of April 12, 2004. The Office of General Counsel has granted your requested extension based on the circumstances presented in your letter and in our phone conversation; your execution of a statute of limitations tolling agreement on April 15, 2004; and your representation that you will produce, prior to filing your response, as many supporting documents relevant to your response as possible. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on June 7, 2004.

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

Sincerely,

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