



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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December 20, 2000

RE: MUR 5158

Bill Nelson for US Senate Committee and Peggy Gagnon, as treasurer

Dear Mr. Elias:

This is in response to your letters dated December 13, and December 18, 2000, requesting an extension of until January 9, 2001, to respond to the complaint in the above-noted matter

Considering the Federal Election Commission's responsibilities to act expeditiously in the conduct of investigations, the Office of General Counsel cannot grant your full request, but can only agree to an extension until January 4, 2001. Accordingly, the response is due by close of business on January 4, 2001.

If you have any questions, please contact me on our toll-free telephone number, (800) 424-9530. Our local telephone number is (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff S. Jordan", is written over a horizontal line.

Jeff S. Jordan
Supervisory Attorney
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