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VIA MESSENGER

Mr. Scott Thomas
 Acting Chairman
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 999 E Street, N.W.
 Room 910
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Re: **MUR 4806**
Hamilton Bank, N.A.
Eduardo A. Masferrer
Maria F. Diaz

Dear Mr. Thomas:

By this letter and the attached forms, we hereby notify the Federal Election Commission (the "Commission") and the General Counsel that this firm has been retained to represent Hamilton Bank, N.A., Eduardo A. Masferrer, and Maria F. Diaz regarding a \$50,000 contribution from Hamilton Bank and/or its Chairman, Eduardo A. Masferrer, to the Democratic National Committee Building Fund, as outlined in the referenced notice. By this letter, I request an extension of time of 20 days, until November 12, 1998, to respond to the Commission's Order to Submit Written Answers. Further correspondence or questions from the Commission or its staff regarding this matter should be sent to me at the address given above.

First, we are currently in the process of receiving the materials and documents necessary to prepare an Answer. Second, we will need additional time to review the documents, conduct interviews, and prepare a complete response to the Interrogatories. Finally, we are

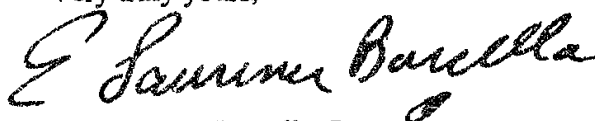
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interested in pursuing pre-probable cause conciliation and need the additional time to engage in the necessary discussions.

Thank you for your attention.

Very truly yours,



E. Lawrence Barcella, Jr.
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Enclosure

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The above-named individual is hereby designated as my
counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other
communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before
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September 29, 1998
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