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VIA US MAIL AND FACSIMILE

Lawrence M. Noble, Esquire General Counsel Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20463 Extension for AOR 1999-17

Re: Advisory Opinion Request 1999-17

Dear Mr. Noble:

Please consider this letter a formal waiver of the 60-day statutory time period in which the Commission must respond under 2 U.S.C. § 437f(a)(1) to the above-captioned Advisory Opinion Request submitted by the George W. Bush for President Committee. We recognize the necessity to grant extensions as part of deliberations at the Commission in order to ensure fairness in the process and to provide all parties sufficient time to prepare thorough documents. We gladly provide this extension to the Commission.

Accordingly, based on my conversations with your office, we grant the Commission an extension up to and including November 15, 1999 for AOR 1999-17.

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