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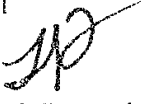
November 23, 1999

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission

FROM: Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

BY: Lois G. Lerner 
Associate General Counsel

SUBJECT: Statement of Reasons -- MUR 4250

Due to a lack of four affirmative votes, on November 18, 1999, the Commission failed to approve the Office of the General Counsel's probable cause to believe recommendations that the Republican National Committee, Alec Poitevint, as treasurer, and Haley R. Barbour each violated 2 U.S.C. § 441e. As a result of this dismissal, a Statement of Reasons is required. The Statement of Reasons should be ready for issuance by December 18, 1999, which is 30 days after the Commission's vote necessitating the Statement.

Staff Assigned: Jose M. Rodriguez