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Re: MUR 5395
WHO-TV

Dear Mr. Jordan:

This will acknowledge your letter, dated December 11, 2003, regarding the above referenced matter. On November 24, 2003, WHO-TV, Des Moines, Iowa broadcast a debate among Democratic candidates for the office of President of the United States. The debate was organized by and broadcast on MSNBC. Since WHO-TV's only participation was to broadcast the debate as on-the-spot bona fide news coverage, and it had no role in the selection of the candidates who appeared in the debate, WHO-TV submits it has not violated 11 CFR Sec. 110.13 or 2 U.S.C. Sec 441b.

Very truly yours,


James L. Boyer
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