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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission

FROM: Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

BY: Lois G. Lerner 
Associate General Counsel

SUBJECT: MUR 4934 – Addendum to First General Counsel’s
Report dated September 18, 2000

On September 18, 2000, the First General Counsel’s Report in the above-captioned Matter went to docket for circulation. On September 19, this Office received the attached letter from counsel to the primary Respondent, Resident Commissioner Carlos Romero Barceló. This Office forwards the attached letter as an addendum to the First General Counsel’s Report to the Commission for its information.

Attachment

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September 12, 2000

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Re: MUR 4934

Dear Ms. Sands:

As counsel of record to the Honorable Carlos Romero-Barceló, the Resident Commissioner for Puerto Rico and a Member of Congress, we are writing in response to the additional information you sent us on August 21, 2000 in the above-referenced complaint. Our response to the original complaint was submitted to the Commission on November 8, 1999, and we filed additional materials on April 18, 2000.

You recently forwarded to our attention a letter dated July 20, 2000 from Aníbal Acevedo Vilá and accompanying newspaper articles. In his letter, Mr. Acevedo Vilá, who filed the complaint with the Commission, acknowledges that the articles "indicate that Mr. Andrés Sánchez Delgado has retracted from his original statements under oath, which I submitted to you with the complaint of reference." You will recall that the complaint was based solely on the accusations of Mr. Sánchez Delgado and that no other statements or documents suggest that Congressman Romero-Barceló has violated any provision of the federal election laws.

We and the Congressman have maintained since this complaint was filed that there is no reason to believe the charges made by Mr. Sánchez Delgado and derivatively by Mr. Acevedo Vilá. It is clear that Mr. Acevedo Vilá has now come to the same conclusion. Mr. Sánchez Delgado has made a variety of unreliable and far-fetched claims against various political figures over the past year and has no credibility. We are confident that the Commission will finally conclude that there is no reason to believe the allegations in the complaint, and we therefore request that the Commission close the MUR expeditiously.

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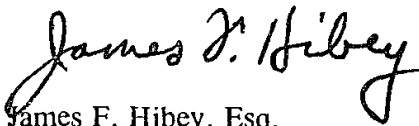
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If we can provide any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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