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We are responding to your letter dated April 30, 2002 requesting relief to establish June 1, 1997 as the effective date for your S corporation election. The information forwarded to our office is insufficient for us to process a private letter ruling request. Although we are unable to respond to your request as submitted, this letter provides information relating to your request.

Announcement 97-4 provides guidance on seeking relief for late S corporation elections. Generally, to request relief for a late S corporation election you must request a private letter ruling from the National Office. The procedures for requesting a private letter ruling are set out in Revenue Procedure 2002-1. In addition, Rev. Proc. 2002-1 requires taxpayers to submit a user fee along with their ruling request. The standard user fee for a private letter ruling is \$6,000. However, taxpayers with gross income of less than \$1 million on their tax return for the most recent 12-month taxable year qualify for a *reduced user fee* in the amount of \$500. If you qualify for the reduced fee, you must include a statement certifying your gross income for the last 12-month taxable year. Otherwise, the higher fee will apply.

If you decide to submit a formal request for a private letter ruling, please review Appendix B of Rev. Proc. 2002-1, and be certain to include all required procedural statements. Also include the proper user fee and any documents that substantiate your intent to be an S corporation from inception. Please refer your request to our office by adding the following to the address:

Attn: CC:PA:T P.O. Box 7604 Ben Franklin Station Washington, DC 20044 GENIN-129784-02

<u>Direct to:</u> CC:PSI:1 Room 5002

The IRS has developed two new CD-ROMs to help educate small business owners on their tax responsibilities: (1) *Introduction to Federal Taxes for Small Business/Self-Employed;* and (2) *A Virtual Small Business Workshop.* These two CD-ROMs are free and can be ordered by calling 1-800-829-3676. The IRS also provides a special website, <a href="www.irs.gov/smallbiz">www.irs.gov/smallbiz</a> which is dedicated to providing information to small business taxpayers.

Please keep this letter with your tax records and feel free to provide a copy of it to your authorized representative. We hope that the above information proves helpful.

Sincerely,

/s/ Dianna K. Miosi

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