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Dear [REDACTED]

We are responding to correspondence, submitted by your representative, requesting relief in order to establish May 5, 1997, as the effective date for your S corporation election. Based on the information provided, the Form 2553 was not filed in a timely manner. Automatic relief is unavailable under Revenue Procedure 97-48 because the Internal Revenue Service failed to receive a timely tax return Form 1120S for your first taxable year. Although we are unable to respond to your request as submitted, this letter provides information relating to your situation.

Announcement 97-4 (copy enclosed) 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 information forwarded to our office is insufficient for us to process a private letter ruling request. The procedures for requesting a private letter ruling are set forth in Revenue Procedure 2003-1 (copy enclosed). In addition, taxpayers must 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 claiming that your gross income for the last 12-month taxable year was less than one million dollars.

If you decide to submit a formal request for a private letter ruling, please follow the sample format provided in Appendix B of Rev. Proc. 2003-1. Your request should include all required procedural statements, a user fee check, 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:

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Internal Revenue Service
Attn: CC:PA:T
P.O. Box 7604
Ben Franklin Station
Washington, DC 20044

In addition, 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, www.irs.gov/businesses/small, 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 yours,

/s/

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Enclosures:
Announcement 97-4
Rev. Proc. 2003-1