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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
ATTN: CHRISTOPHER J. MORSE
CAMPAIGN FINANCE ANALYST
REPORTS ANALYSIS DIVISION

RE: MISSISSIPPI REPUBLICAN PARTY
ID #C00084368

Dear Mr. Morse:

This letter is in response to your FEC notice dated November 19, 2003, referencing our October Monthly Report.

Since the beginning of January 2003, the Party's efforts have been almost solely concentrated on the state and local elections held in Mississippi this year. We have had a full slate of statewide candidates, along with local races for state Senate and House of Representatives and local county races for Chancery Clerks, Supervisors, Sheriffs, etc. The race for Governor and Lt. Governor has been highly contested. The party's efforts have been focused almost solely on these elections and therefore we have no employee who has worked over 25% in Federal Election Activity in 2003.

None of the \$16,204.45 in expenses refer to expenditures that promote, support, attack or oppose any candidate for Federal office. There were no candidates for Federal office on the ballot in Mississippi at that time. These were party building activities to target nonregistered but likely Republican voters, or Republican voters who had not been voting in recent elections. We considered these to be joint activities in that they helped Republican Party support for the current State election cycle and for future elections, both State and Federal. If these expenses were categorized incorrectly, we will be more than happy to transfer funds to correct this.

In the future, we will be happy to reflect transfers from affiliated party committees on Line 12 of the Detailed Summary Page. As I read your FEC notice, it would appear that you do not want us to amend this report for this. However, if we have misunderstood, we will gladly amended the report. Please let us know if you want us to file an amendment.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas B. Butchart, Treasurer