



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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July 27, 2005

Tom Butchart, Treasurer
Mississippi Republican Party
P.O. Box 60
Jackson, MS 39205

**Response Due Date:
August 26, 2005**

Identification Number: C00084368

Reference: February Monthly Report (1/01/05 – 1/31/05)

Dear Mr. Butchart:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-The beginning cash balance of this report should equal the ending balance of your Amended Year-End Report (11/23/04 – 12/31/04), received 3/31/05. Please clarify this discrepancy and amend any subsequent report(s) that may be affected by this correction.

-Schedule A supporting Line 15 of your report discloses offsets to operating expenditures totaling \$6,760.00 from multiple individuals; however, your report does not appear to disclose disbursements to these individuals. Please provide clarifying information regarding this activity and amend your report if necessary.

-The identification of each contributor, including an adequate occupation and name of employer for each, must be provided if the person has contributed in excess of \$200 in the aggregate during the calendar year. Please amend Schedule A supporting Line 11(a)(i) for each entry inadequately identified as "ADP," "Info Requested," "Information Requested," "JOAMCA," "SRLC," and "UMC."

-On Schedule H1 of your report, you have checked an incorrect fixed percentage for your allocated federal and non-federal administrative, generic voter drive and exempt activity costs. The fixed percentage for

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these costs is based on whether a Presidential and/or a Senate candidate appear on the State's ballot. Please amend your report to include a corrected Schedule H1 and note that a change in this ratio may make it necessary to repay your non-federal account for any overpayments that may have been made. While the Commission may take further legal action concerning any impermissible overpayments by the non-federal account, your prompt action will be taken into consideration. 11 CFR §106.7(d)(2) and (3)

Unlike previous election cycles, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1399.

Sincerely,


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