



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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December 17, 2003

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

Response Due Date:
January 16, 2004

Identification Number: C00084368

Reference: November Monthly Report (10/01/03-10/31/03)

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:

-Schedule H4 supporting Line 21(a) of your report discloses a payment(s) for "advertising", "campaign rally", and "phone bank". Please be advised that pursuant to 11 CFR §300.33(c)(1), expenditures for public communications (as defined by 11 CFR §100.26) that refer to a clearly identified candidate for Federal office and that promote, support, attack or oppose any such candidate for Federal office must not be allocated between or among federal and non-federal accounts. Only federal funds may be used.

Please provide further clarification regarding this activity, specifically whether it referenced and promoted, supported, attacked or opposed a clearly identified candidate for Federal office. If this is the case, please amend your report to properly disclose this activity as an in-kind contribution, an independent expenditure or a coordinated expenditure, as appropriate, on a Schedule B, E or F supporting Lines 23, 24 or 25, respectively.

If this activity was categorized incorrectly, the Commission recommends that you immediately transfer the funds received by your federal account for this activity back to the non-federal account.

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Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning this prohibited activity, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

-Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) discloses \$50,000 in transfers to what appears to be a non-federal account of your committee. Please provide further clarification regarding this transfer to your non-federal account.

You are advised that 11 CFR §102.5 prohibits a non-federal account from financing activity in connection with federal elections. If any of the disbursements disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) were made to influence the election or defeat of specific federal candidates, the disbursements should be allocated accordingly and disclosed as either in-kind contributions on Schedule B supporting Line 23, independent expenditures on Schedule E supporting Line 24, or as coordinated expenditures on Schedule F supporting Line 25. 11 CFR §§104.3(b)(3) and 106.1 In addition, if your non-federal account has paid any expenditures which should have been allocated, you are advised to correct any non-compliance with 11 CFR §§106.6 and 106.7 and establish procedures to insure future compliance with allocation regulations.

-Your report disclosed certain categories of financial activity that have been reflected on the wrong lines of the Detailed Summary Page. Transfers from affiliated committees should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule(s) A, supporting Line(s) 12 of the Detailed Summary Page. Transfers to the non-federal account should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule(s) B, supporting Line(s) 22 of the Detailed Summary Page. Contributions to non-federal candidates should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule(s) B, supporting Line(s) 29 of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions for each line when determining the proper categorization for your next filing.

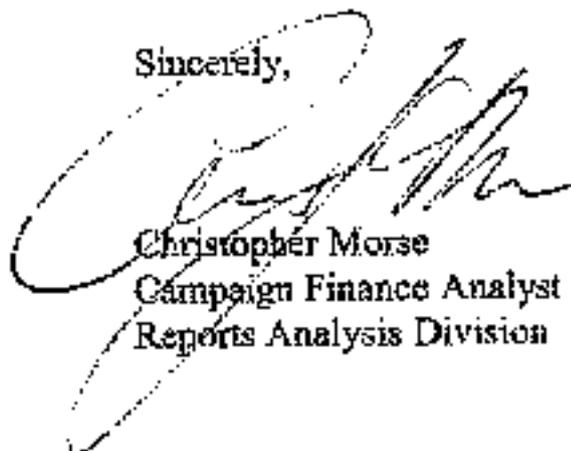
Unlike previous election cycles, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Requests for extensions of time in which to respond 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.

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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 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1133.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Morse", is written over the typed name and title.

Christopher Morse
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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