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RE: ID# C00084368
October Monthly Report (9/1/00-9/30/00)

Dear Ms. Williamson:

This is in response to your letter of February 7, 2001, regarding your questions about the Mississippi Republican Party's October monthly report.

-On Schedule A for Line 11(c) the 9/20/00 contribution from Trent Lott for Mississippi was excess funds from that campaign committed.

-On Schedule B the contribution to the Dunn Lampton for Congress campaign for the retirement of debts incurred during the primary election was used to pay primary payroll taxes. We have been advised by the campaign that they are sending a letter to the FEC to clarify this permissible activity.

-On Schedule A for Line 12 the transfer-in from the National Republican Congressional Committee and subsequent transfers-in were not used to pay for bumper stickers or direct mail or for any exempt disbursements.

On Schedule B for line 21(b) the disbursement and subsequent disbursements for "bumper stickers" paid for bumper stickers for the presidential campaign which were distributed by volunteers. National party money was not used for these disbursements. Therefore this is an exempt party activity.

On Schedule B for line 21(b) the disbursement to Steve Brown Direct Mail for \$749.60 was for generic fundraising for the Party and was paid for with the Party's own federal money.

-On Schedule B for line 21(b) the disbursement and subsequent disbursements for "media consulting" to McAuliffe Message Media and for "media" to Strategic Media Services, Inc. were for the development and implementation of television ads promoting the Mississippi Republican Party's position on legislative issues and not on behalf of specifically identified federal candidates. Therefore these are issue advocacy expenses.

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On Schedule B for line 21(b) the disbursement and subsequent disbursements to Bush 2000/Spalding went to the Spalding Group at that same address. The Spalding Group advised that they are the ultimate vendor and that the Bush 2000 campaign received no proceeds from them.

I hope this information clarifies our report. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



Woody York
Treasurer

