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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

Tom Butchart, Treasurer
Mississippi Republican Party
P.O. Box 60
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Reference: October Monthly Report (9/01/02-9/30/02)

Dear Mr. Butchart:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-The totals listed on Lines 11(a)(iii), 11(c), 21(a)(i), 21(a)(ii), 21(b), and 31, Column B of the Detailed Summary Page(s) appear to be incorrect. Please be advised that you should add the "Calendar Year-to-Date" total from your previous report to the current "Total This Period" figure from Column A to derive the correct Column B totals. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.

-Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) of the Detailed Summary Page (pertinent portions(s) attached) discloses $76,913.90 in disbursements for "Printing" and "Postage" on behalf of "Pickering". Please be advised that a state or local party committee may pay for campaign materials (such as bumper stickers) that are distributed by volunteers in connection with activity on behalf of the party's nominees in a general election. Payments for this type of activity are exempt from the definition of a contribution or expenditure if certain conditions are met. The conditions are that no public advertising may be used, including distribution by direct mail (mailings by a commercial vendor or from commercial lists); all funds used for the activity must be permitted under the Act; none of the funds used may have

been designated for a particular candidate; and finally, payments for the activity may not be made from transfers-in from the national committee to specifically fund the activity. For further guidance, please refer to 11 CFR §100.7(b)(15) and (17), 11 CFR §100.8(b)(16) and (18) and to the Campaign Guide for Party Committees.

Please clarify the nature of the aforementioned disbursement(s). If the activity disclosed on your report does not meet the definition of "exempt" activity as described above and if any portion of the expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified candidates, that amount must be disclosed on Schedule B or F supporting Line 23 or 25 of the Detailed Summary Page as appropriate.

-Your EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE calculations for Administrative/Voter Drive are incorrect. EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals for administrative and voter drive costs are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year for the whole Administrative/Voter Drive category. EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals for fundraising, direct candidate support, and exempt activities are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year within a specific event. These should be calculated by adding the latest disbursement for a category or event to the previous EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE total for that category or event. This running EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE total should be disclosed after each disbursement is listed. Please amend your report by providing the correct EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals.

-Please clarify all expenditures for "voter registration" and/or "GOTV". If any of these activities referenced House or Senate candidates, they should be allocated accordingly, unless merely incidental to the overall activity. If a portion or all of these expenditures were made on behalf of federal candidates, they should be reported on Schedules B, E, or F for Lines 23, 24, or 25 of the Detailed Summary Page, as appropriate.

-Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule(s) H4 of your report to clarify the following description(s): Voter Registration. For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

-Schedule A supporting Line 12 discloses a transfer(s)-in from - "Republican National Committee", "National Republican Congressional Committee". Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) reflects payments for "Campaign Materials-Pickering 3rd Con. Please be advised that a state or local party committee may pay for campaign materials (such as bumper stickers) that are distributed by volunteers in connection with activity on behalf of the party's nominees in a general election. Payments for this type of activity are exempt from the definition of a contribution or expenditure if certain conditions are met. The conditions are that no public advertising may be used, including distribution by direct mail (mailings by a commercial vendor or from commercial lists); all funds used for the activity must be permitted under the Act; none of the funds used may have been designated for a particular candidate; and finally, payments for the activity may not be made from transfers-in from the national committee to specifically fund the activity. For further guidance, please refer to 11 CFR §100.7(b)(15) and (17) and to the Campaign Guide for Party Committees.

Please clarify the nature of the transfer(s)-in and subsequent payments for the aforementioned disbursement(s). If the activity disclosed on your report does not meet the definition of "exempt" activity as described above and if any portion of the expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified candidates, that amount must be disclosed on Schedule B or F supporting Line 23 or 25 of the Detailed Summary Page as appropriate.

-Schedule H4 supporting Line 21(a) of your report discloses disbursements to Boy Scouts of America for "Donation" and Scholarship to "Richard F. Couture." Please be advised that by definition, this activity does not qualify as a shared expense to be allocated between your federal and non-federal accounts. This activity should be itemized on a Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) of the Detailed Summary Page. Any reimbursement from your committee's non-federal account for any portion of this activity is not permissible and must be returned. Please amend your report or provide clarifying information.

A response or amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. 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 need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Morse
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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SCHEDULE B (FEC Form 3X)
ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS

Use separate schedule(s) for each category of the Detailed Summary Page

FOR LINE NUMBER: (check only one)
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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)
Mississippi Republican Party

A.
Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial): VISA
Mailing Address: c/o Amsouth Bank P. O. Box 11407
City: Birmingham State: AL Zip Code: 35246-
Purpose of Disbursement: SEE BELOW
Candidate Name:
Office Sought: House / Senate / President
State: District:
Disbursement For: Primary / General / Other (specify)
Date of Disbursement: 09/27/2002
Amount of Each Disbursement this Period: 177.21
Category/Type: SEE BELOW
Transaction ID: 101520021E5903

B.
Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial): Broad Street Bakery
Mailing Address: Banner Hall
City: Jackson State: MS Zip Code: 39206-
Purpose of Disbursement: -Luncheon
Candidate Name:
Office Sought: House / Senate / President
State: District:
Disbursement For: Primary / General / Other (specify)
Date of Disbursement: 09/27/2002
Amount of Each Disbursement this Period: 43.09
Category/Type: 001
[MEMO ITEM]
MEMO: -LUNCHEON
Transaction ID: 101520021E5961

C.
Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial): Amerimail Direct
Mailing Address: 305 South Congress Street
City: Jackson State: MS Zip Code: 39201-5204
Purpose of Disbursement: -Printing Pickering 3rd Cong.
Candidate Name:
Office Sought: House / Senate / President
State: District:
Disbursement For: Primary / General / Other (specify)
Date of Disbursement: 09/27/2002
Amount of Each Disbursement this Period: 6692.04
Category/Type: 006
-PRINTING PICKERING 3RD CONG.
Transaction ID: 101520021E5885

SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional) ..... ▶ 6869.25

TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only) ..... ▶

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Mississippi Republican Party

A.
Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
U. S. Postmaster

Mailing Address
General Mail Facility
City: Jackson State: MS Zip Code: 39201-

Purpose of Disbursement
-Postage Pickering 3rd Cong.

Candidate Name

Category/Type: 005

Office Sought: House / Senate / President
State: District:

Disbursement For: Primary / General / Other (specify)

Date of Disbursement: 09 / 27 / 2002

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period: 23536.42

-POSTAGE PICKERING 3RD CONG.

Transaction ID: 101520021E5906

B.
Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
Triumvirate Managem

Mailing Address
P. O. Box 3911
City: Jackson State: MS Zip Code: 39207-

Purpose of Disbursement
-Grassroots Organization

Candidate Name

Category/Type: 001

Office Sought: House / Senate / President
State: District:

Disbursement For: Primary / General / Other (specify)

Date of Disbursement: 09 / 27 / 2002

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period: 1250.00

-GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATION

Transaction ID: 0925200214E5612

C.

SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional) ▶ 24786.42

TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only) ▶ 100435.77

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Mississippi Republican Party

A.
Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial): VISA
Mailing Address: c/o Amsouth Bank P. O. Box 11407
City: Birmingham State: AL Zip Code: 35246-
Purpose of Disbursement: SEE BELOW
Candidate Name:
Office Sought: House / Senate / President
State: District:
Disbursement For: Primary / General / Other (specify)
Date of Disbursement: 09/27/2002
Amount of Each Disbursement this Period: 177.21
Category/Type: SEE BELOW
Transaction ID: 101520021E5903

B.
Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial): Broad Street Bakery
Mailing Address: Banner Hall
City: Jackson State: MS Zip Code: 39206-
Purpose of Disbursement: -Luncheon
Candidate Name:
Office Sought: House / Senate / President
State: District:
Disbursement For: Primary / General / Other (specify)
Date of Disbursement: 09/27/2002
Amount of Each Disbursement this Period: 43.09
Category/Type: 001
[MEMO ITEM]
MEMO: -LUNCHEON
Transaction ID: 101520021E5961

C.
Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial): Ameritmail Direct
Mailing Address: 305 South Congress Street
City: Jackson State: MS Zip Code: 39201-5204
Purpose of Disbursement: -Printing Pickering 3rd Cong.
Candidate Name:
Office Sought: House / Senate / President
State: District:
Disbursement For: Primary / General / Other (specify)
Date of Disbursement: 09/27/2002
Amount of Each Disbursement this Period: 6692.04
Category/Type: 006
-PRINTING PICKERING 3RD CONG.
Transaction ID: 101520021E5985

Ch.

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Mississippi Republican Party

A.
Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial): Southwest Publishing
Date of Disbursement: 09 / 27 / 2002
Mailing Address: 2600 West Topeka Boulevard
City: Topeka State: KS Zip Code: 66617-
Amount of Each Disbursement this Period: 17.21
Purpose of Disbursement: -Postage
Category/Type: 003 -POSTAGE
Candidate Name:
Office Sought: House / Senate / President
State: District:
Disbursement For: Primary / General / Other (specify)
Transaction ID: 10152002 1E5699

B.
Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial): U. S. Postmaster
Date of Disbursement: 09 / 17 / 2002
Mailing Address: General Mail Facility
City: Jackson State: MS Zip Code: 39201-
Amount of Each Disbursement this Period: 23536.42
Purpose of Disbursement: -Postage Pickering 3rd Cong.
Category/Type: 006 -POSTAGE PICKERING 3RD CONG.
Candidate Name:
Office Sought: House / Senate / President
State: District:
Disbursement For: Primary / General / Other (specify)
Transaction ID: 10152002 1E5676

C.
Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial): Coley and Company Letvala
Date of Disbursement: 09 / 27 / 2002
Mailing Address: 712 W. Platt St.
City: Tampa State: FL Zip Code: 33606-
Amount of Each Disbursement this Period: 16456.96
Purpose of Disbursement: -Printing Pickering 3rd Cong.
Category/Type: 006 -PRINTING PICKERING 3RD CONG.
Candidate Name:
Office Sought: House / Senate / President
State: District:
Disbursement For: Primary / General / Other (specify)
Transaction ID: 10152002 1E5691

SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional) 40010.61

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)
Mississippi Republican Party

A.
Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial): Bureau Southern Farm
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 2467
City: Madison State: MS Zip Code: 39130-
Purpose of Disbursement: -Booth at Golf Tournament
Candidate Name:
Office Sought: House / Senate / President
State: District:
Disbursement For: Primary / General / Other (specify)
Date of Disbursement: 09 / 27 / 2002
Amount of Each Disbursement this Period: 3000.00
Category/Type: 004
-BOOTH AT GOLF TOURNAMENT
Transaction ID: 101520021E5698

B.
Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial): Printed Ts
Mailing Address: 5505 Meadow Oaks Park Drive
City: Jackson State: MS Zip Code: 39211-
Purpose of Disbursement: -Campaign Mat.-Pickering 3rd Con
Candidate Name: CHARLESWCHIPJR PICKERING
Office Sought: X House / Senate / President
State: MS District: 03
Disbursement For: Primary / General / Other (specify)
Date of Disbursement: 09 / 24 / 2002
Amount of Each Disbursement this Period: 14584.39
Category/Type: 008
-CAMPAIGN MAT.-PICKERING 3RD CON
Transaction ID: 101520021E5965

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C.
Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial): Central MS Friends
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 337
City: Raymond State: MS Zip Code: 39154-
Purpose of Disbursement: -Donation
Candidate Name:
Office Sought: House / Senate / President
State: District:
Disbursement For: Primary / General / Other (specify)
Date of Disbursement: 09 / 25 / 2002
Amount of Each Disbursement this Period: 250.00
Category/Type: 011
-DONATION
Transaction ID: 101520021E5980

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