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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

September 7, 2005

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

Response Due Date:
October 7, 2005

Identification Number: C00084368

Reference: August Monthly Report (7/01/05 – 7/31/05)

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:

-Schedule H2 of your report discloses "THAD COCHRAN FUNDRAISER" as an allocable fundraising event. All committees are required to allocate the direct costs of each fundraising or direct candidate support activity in which the committee collects both federal and non-federal funds. The costs are allocated according to the funds received ratio or time/space method and reported on Schedule H2. 11 CFR §§106.6(d) and 106.7(d)(4) However, be advised that by definition, an allocable direct candidate support activity is one which benefits both federal and non-federal candidates or committees. 11 CFR §§104.10 and 104.17 Please clarify the nature of this activity, specifically whether both federal and non-federal candidates were included.

Please note, 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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