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Federal Election Commission

999 E Street, N.W.

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RE: Last-Minute Independent Expenditure Notice (FEC Identification Number C00343137)

Dear Commissioners:

It has come to our attention that the Political Action Committee of the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons did not file its notice of a last minute independent expenditure on a timely basis. As soon as we became aware of this inadvertent clerical error, we prepared the attached filing.

As Schedule E (FEC Form 3x) indicates, on July 30, 2004, the Political Action Committee of the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons contributed \$200,000 to the Mercury Group in support of the campaign of Thomas Price in the Georgia Republican Party run-off.

We recognize that we must report this expenditure to the FEC a second time on Schedule E when we next file our regular report.

We regret any difficulties this inadvertent late filing may have caused.

Sincerely,

Richard N. Peterson

General Counsel

American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons

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SCHEDULE E (FEC Form 3X)
ITEMIZED INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES

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FOR LINE 24 OF FORM 3X

NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full) Practical Action Committee of the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons	FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER C002401437
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Check 24-hour notice 48-hour notice

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) of Payor The Mercury Group	Date 08/25/2004
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Mailing Address 1100 The Tower 1001 Northwest Expressway	Amount \$200,000.00
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City Oklahoma City	State OK	Zip Code 73118
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Purpose of Expenditure Radio Advertising	Category/Type 2004	Office Sought: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> House <input type="checkbox"/> Senate <input type="checkbox"/> President	State: GA District: 06
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Name of Federal Candidate Supported or Opposed by Expenditure: Thomas Price	Check One: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
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Calendar Year-To-Date Per Election for Office Sought \$200,000.00	Disbursement For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) Georgia Run-Off
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Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) of Payor	Date
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Mailing Address	Amount
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City	State	Zip Code
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Purpose of Expenditure	Category/Type	Office Sought: <input type="checkbox"/> House <input type="checkbox"/> Senate <input type="checkbox"/> President	State: Georgia District:
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Name of Federal Candidate Supported or Opposed by Expenditure:	Check One: <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
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Calendar Year-To-Date Per Election for Office Sought	Disbursement For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)
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(a) SUBTOTAL of Itemized Independent Expenditures	\$200,000.00
(b) SUBTOTAL of Unitemized Independent Expenditures	\$0.00
(c) TOTAL Independent Expenditures	\$200,000.00

Under penalty of perjury I certify that the independent expenditures reported herein were not made in cooperation, consultation, or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, any candidate or authorized committee or agent of either, or (if the reporting entity is not a political party committee) any political party committee or its agent.

James G. Daves MD Signature	Date 08/24/2004
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**ENVELOPE REPLACEMENT PAGE
 FOR INCOMING DOCUMENTS**

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