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MEMORANDUM

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TO: The Commission

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Staff Director

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Chief Compliance Officer

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Director, ADR Office

SUBJECT: ADR 666 Mississippi Democratic Party PAC and Ryan Brown, Treasurer
Informational Memo on Assignment

The Audit Division (Audit) referred A11-10 on October 30, 2013, and the ADR Office designated the referral as ADR 666. We included a summary and discussion of the referral for your information. We anticipate initiating communication with Respondents in ADR 666 on November 8, 2013. Please contact Lynn Fraser if you have any questions, comments or concerns before then.

Summary of Case: Audit referred the Mississippi Democratic Party PAC and Ryan Brown, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for a misstatement of financial activity during calendar years 2009 and 2010. After reviewing the Committee's financial records and reports filed with the Commission, the audit revealed in Finding 1A that a series of understatements and overstatements of receipts and disbursements resulted in an overstatement of the ending cash balance for 2009 of \$45,889. In addition, Finding 1B disclosed that the audit revealed a \$228,932 understatement of receipts from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010. This figure includes a \$7,286 understatement of receipts from 2009 in Finding 1A.

Respondents asserted that they amended their reports for 2009 in response to the Interim Audit Report to materially correct the misstatements. Respondents contend that they amended the understated receipts activity for 2010 prior to the notification of the audit. Respondents further contend they made improvements to their reporting and accounting systems to ensure more accurate reporting.

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