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October 5, 2006

VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL

Shelby F. Thames, President
University of Southern Mississippi
118 College Drive #5001
Hattiesburg, MS 39406

Re: Use of Facilities

Dear Dr. Thames:

Pursuant to IHL Policies and Bylaws, 901.07, "In general it shall be the policy of the several institutions not to make available the building and other facilities of the institutions to outside organizations. Exceptions to this policy may be approved by the *Institutional Executive Officer*. No exception shall be approved for commercial enterprises, political or sectarian meetings, without specific approval of the Board." (Emphasis added.)

The following information strongly suggests that Dr. George Carter is using university facilities in his private business. See the webpage of the National Association of Forensic Economics, <http://nafe.net/default.aspx>. As the National Association of Forensic Economics webpage reports, the name of Dr. Carter's company is "Mississippi Consulting Group, Inc.," and its address is 118 College Drive #7278, Hattiesburg, MS 39406-7278. This indicates that Dr. Carter is operating a private business from a USM address and mailbox number. His e-mail address, which is used in his business, george.carter@usm.edu, is also a USM provided connection. Of course, with a little effort, an investigation would identify the extent of his use of university facilities.

Does Dr. Carter have permission to use these and other university facilities for his personal business? If so, please provide a copy of permission to use university facilities. If he does not have permission, please advise what action you propose to correct the unauthorized use of facilities.

If relevant documents granting permission for Dr. Carter to use University facilities in his personal business exist, please consider this letter a formal request for the documents. Pursuant to the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983, including Miss. Code Ann. §25-1-1000 and IHL Policy 301.0803, I request access to the Dr. Carter's permission to use facilities records in the possession University of Southern Mississippi.

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I will be pleased to comply with all requirements including deposit of a certified check sufficient to cover the estimated costs. I look forward to receiving the University of Southern Mississippi's response within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of this request.

In the course of certain investigations conducted by various faculty members, I have also been advised of overreaching and/or possible misuse of University funds by certain business faculty. As soon as I complete a compilation of the information, I will forward it to you for your input and action.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss these matters at greater length, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Chauncey M. DePree, Jr.

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