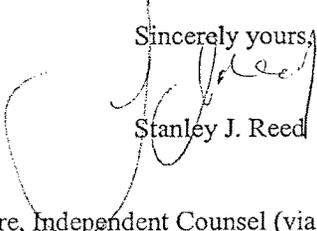


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The DNC is largely responsible for bringing into the national political process many minority communities, including Native Americans. Mr. Mercer is very proud of the active and honorable role that he played in the DNC's efforts to insure that minority Americans would have a strong voice in the political process and in the future of the Democratic Party. At the same time, Mr. Mercer is discouraged by the unprecedented and unrelenting scrutiny to which minority donors and the DNC have been subjected over the past four years. As an African American with a deep and abiding respect for the institutions of our government, Mr. Mercer is hopeful that with the publication of Independent Counsel Bruce's Report, this process will be drawn to a close and that the attention and resources of the government once again can be focused upon the real and urgent concerns of all Americans.

Sincerely yours,



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