

July 3, 2001

Mr. Jay W. Johnson, Director
United States Mint
Department of the Treasury
Washington, District of Columbia 20220

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for forwarding the three candidate reverse designs of Mississippi commemorative quarter as designed by the U. S. Mint. We have reviewed these designs and find them acceptable for the citizens and State of Mississippi. The Magnolia flowers and leaf design is the final selection for the Mississippi commemorative quarter.

The great State of Mississippi is a beautiful state with rich culture and promising future. We are proud to have our commemorative coin engraved with the official State Flower as a fitting tribute of Mississippi's statehood.

We will await notification from your office with regard to final endorsement from the Secretary of the Treasury. Thank you for your assistance with this wonderful project. Should you need assistance, please contact Mr. Michael Boyd, Policy & Planning Director at 601-359-2971.

Very truly yours,

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