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## **FEDERAL GRAND JURY INDICTMENT**

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA – United States Attorney J. Strom Thurmond, Jr., announced today that on Tuesday, May 13, 2003, a Federal Grand Jury in Greenville, South Carolina, returned an Indictment against **Harry McD. Clark**, of Fairhope, Alabama.

The defendant is charged with 1 count of obstruction of justice, for withholding subpoenaed documents from the Grand Jury, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1503. The maximum penalty **Clark** faces is [insert].

This case was investigated by the Investigation Division of the Office of Inspector General for Health and Human Services, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and will be prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Stanley D. Ragsdale of the Columbia Office.

The indictment of **Clark** for obstruction of justice relates to another indictment for Medicare fraud previously handed down by the Grand Jury in August 2002, in which several individuals were charged, including **Clark**. Among those charged in the previous indictment were **Frank M. Butts**, of Little Rock, Arkansas; **Rickey M. Merritt**, of Greer, South Carolina; **Robert B. O'Daniel**, of Fairhope, Alabama; **Travers W. Paine, III**, of Augusta, Georgia; and, **Richard B. White**, formerly of Montrose, Alabama.

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The United States Attorney stated that all charges are merely accusations and that the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.