U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, DC 20530

Supplemental Statement
Pursuant to Section 2 of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended

OMB NO. 1105-0002

For Six Month Period Ending 3 1 1998
(Insert date)

I - REGISTRANT

1. (a) Name of Registrant

Pierson Semmes and Bemis

(b) Registration No.

5252

(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant

1054 31st Street, N.W., Suite 300
Washington, D.C. 20007

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following:

(a) If an individual: N/A

(1) Residence address	Yes ☐	No ☐
(2) Citizenship	Yes ☐	No ☐
(3) Occupation	Yes ☐	No ☐

(b) If an organization:

(1) Name	Yes ☐	No ☒
(2) Ownership or control	Yes ☒	No ☐
(3) Branch offices	Yes ☐	No ☒

(c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in items (a) and (b) above.

Effective August 23, 1998, Mark Greenwold withdrew as a partner in the registrant.

IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4, AND 5(a).

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C[1], state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.
Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? N/A Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required amendment.

1 The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (a waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Internal Security Section, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530.)

4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date Connection Ended
Mark Greenwold	Partner	August 23, 1998

(b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information: N/A

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed

5. (a) Has any person named in item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such person and describe his service. N/A

(b) Have any employee or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or connection	Date terminated
Clinton Cameron	Associate	July 30, 1998

(c) During this six month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed

6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(c) of the supplemental statement? NA Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period?
Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information: NA

Name of foreign principal *Date of termination*

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal[2] during this 6 month reporting period?
Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish following information: NA

Name and address of foreign principal *Date acquired*

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principals[2] whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

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10. **EXHIBITS A AND B**

(a) Have you filed for each of the newly acquired foreign principals in Item 8 the following: NA

Exhibit A[3] Yes ☐ No ☐
Exhibit B[4] Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

(b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during this six month period? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, please attach the required amendment.

2 The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a) (9)) A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act (See Rule 208)
3 The Exhibit A, which is filed on form CRM-157 (Formerly OBD-67) sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal
4 The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form CRM-155 (Formerly OBD-65) sets fourth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal

III - ACTIVITIES

11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

See attached answer

12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity[5] as defined below? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates, places, of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

See attached answer

13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits any or all of your foreign principals? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, describe fully.

5 The term "political activities" means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government aforeign country or a foreign political party.

IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

14. (a) **RECEIPTS-MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, explain why.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies[6]

Date	From Whom	Purpose	Amount
8-6-98	Comesa	Retainer advance	$5,982.00
10-15/98	Comesa	Retainer and expense	$3,272.96

Total $9,254.96

(b) **RECEIPTS - FUND RASING CAMPAIGN**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fund raising campaign[7], any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D to your registration? NA Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date _____.

(c) **RECEIPTS-THINGS OF VALUE**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value[9] other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information: NA

Name of foreign principal	Date received	Description of thing of value	Purpose

6, 7 A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, money, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fund raising campaign (See Rule 201(e))
8 An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fund raising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal
9 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like

15. (a) **DISBURSEMENTS-MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal. NA

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To Whom	Purpose	Amount
April-October 1998	Kodak	Duplication	$493.40
	U.S. Postal Service	Postage	97.42
	C&P Telephone	Long distance calls	148.65
	Various	Taxis, parking	188.73
	Riggs Bank	Bank charges	18.00
	Dept. of Justice	FARA filing fees	610.00

Total $1,556.20

(b) **DISBURSEMENTS-THINGS OF VALUE**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value[10] other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information: NA

Date disposed	Name of person to whom given	On behalf of what foreign principal	Description of thing of value	Purpose

(c) **DISBURSEMENTS-POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value[11] in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information: NA

Date	Amount or thing of value	Name of political organization	Name of candidate

10, 11 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks" and the like

V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials[12]?
Yes ☒ No ☐

IF YES, RESPOND TO THE REMAINING ITEMS IN SECTION V.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

Comesa

18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.
NA

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

☐ Radio or TV broadcasts
☐ Magazine or newspaper articles
☐ Motion picture films
☒ Letters or telegrams
☐ Advertising campaigns
☐ Press releases
☐ Pamphlets or other publications
☐ Lectures or speeches
☐ Other (specify) Report on RESA

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

☐ Public Officials
☐ Legislators
☒ Government agencies
☐ Newspapers
☐ Editors
☐ Civic groups or associations
☐ Libraries
☐ Educational institutions
☐ Nationality groups
☐ Other (specify) _____

21. What language was used in the informational materials:
☒ English ☐ Other (specify) _____

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☒ No ☐

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act?
Yes ☒ No ☐

12 The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

VI--EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)	(Type or print name under each signature[13])
11-17-98	Paul Ryberg, Jr.

13 This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FARA REGISTRATION UNIT
CRIMINAL DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

NOTICE

Please answer the following questions and return this sheet in triplicate with your Supplemental Statement:

1. Is your answer to Item 16 of Section V (Informational Materials - page 8 of Form CRM-154, formerly Form OBD-64-Supplemental Statement):

YES x or NO _____

(If your answer to question 1 is "yes" do not answer question 2 of this form.)

2. Do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration:

YES _____ or NO _____

(If your answer to question 2 is "yes" please forward for our review copies of all material including: films, film catalogs, posters, brochures, press releases, etc. which you have disseminated during the past six months.)

Signature

11-17-98
Date

Paul Ryberg, Jr.
Please type or print name of signatory on the line above

Partner
Title

Pierson Semmes and Bemis
Registration No. 5252

Supplemental Answers

Answer to Item No. 11

During this six month period, the registrant provided the following services to the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA):

- A delegation from COMESA visited Washington during April 6-13, 1998. Immediately prior to and during the delegation's visit, the registrant made telephone calls to arrange meetings for the delegation with officials at: the National Security Council (Ambassador Joseph Wilson); State Department (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Trade Policy and Programs David Marchick, Mr. Ralph Bressler, Director of Economic Policy, Africa Bureau); House Ways and Means Committee (Mr. Bruce Wilson, minority trade counsel); Senate Finance Committee (Ms. Debbie Lamb and Ms. Linda Menghetti, minority trade counsel); Treasury Department (Deputy Assistant Secretary Daniel Zelikow, Mr. Chris McCoy, Deputy Director Office of Trade Finance, Mr. Victor Miller, Office of Technical Assistance, Mr. John Ralyea, Office of African Nations); U.S. AID (Mr. Jerry Wolgin, Director of Office of Sustainable Development, Mr. Philip Gary, Director of Office of East African Affairs, Mr. Richard Greene, Mr. David Dod, Ms. Rita Aggorwal); USTR (Mr. Irving Williamson, Deputy General Counsel, Mr. D. Morressey); Commerce Department (Deputy Assistant Secretary Judith Barnett, Deputy Assistant Secretary Everette James, Deputy Assistant Secretary Troy Cribb, Ms. Sallie Miller, Director of the Office of Africa, Mr. Gerald Feldman, Deputy Director Office of Africa, Ms. Paula Mitchell, Office of Finance); Ex-Im Bank (Ms. Annmarie Emmet, Coordinator-Counselor for Africa, Mr. Jean-Robert Baguidy, Africa Loan Officer); OPIC (Mr. Samuel Smoots, Regional Business Development Manager); Trade Development Agency (Mr. Michael Newell, Country Manager); the office of Senator Moseley-Braun (Ms. Ann Collett); the House Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade (Ms. Yleem Poblete, Assistant Staff Director); the World Bank and the IMF. These meetings were held in the offices of the officials involved. The registrant attended these meetings except those with officials from the IMF and the House Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade. The subjects addressed during these meetings were: the status of COMESA's trade and investment liberalization programs, the proposed restructuring of the COMESA Clearing House to create the Regional Export Services Agency, COMESA's request for technical assistance for these projects, and the status of the African Growth and Opportunity Act, H.R. 1432, S. 778 (the Africa Bill). During these meetings, COMESA officials distributed background materials on COMESA and its programs.

- The registrant monitored and reported to COMESA on developments affecting the Africa Bill and on USTR's expansion of the list of articles eligible under the GSP program if imported from least developed countries in Africa.

- On several occassions during May-September, the registrant spoke by telephone with officials at the Treasury Department and the Commerce Department to attempt to arrange meetings between COMESA officials and Secretaries Rubin and Daley during their trips to Africa during July and September, respectively. No meeting was arranged with Secretary Rubin. A meeting was held with Secretary Daley in Nairobi on September 17. The registrant did not attend that meeting.

- On June 24, 1998, the registrant drafted and forwarded to Mr. John Ralyea of the Treasury Department a letter from COMESA Secretary General J. Mwencha requesting a meeting with Secretary Rubin during his trip to Africa in July.

- During July 21-22, 1998, a Ministerial Delegation from COMESA visited Washington. The registrant arranged meetings between the delegation and officials from the World Bank and the IMF. The registrant briefed the Ministers on developments concerning the Africa Bill. The COMESA delegation also met with Administration and Congressional officials, but the registrant neither arranged nor attended those meetings. The registrant was a guest at a dinner on July 21 at which both the COMESA delegation and officials from U.S. AID were present. The registrant, however, did not arrange or financially contribute to the dinner.

- On August 20, 1998 and again on September 9, 1998, the registrant wrote to officials at the following agencies to distribute a report on the proposed restructuring of the COMESA Clearing House to create the Regional Export Services Agency (RESA): State Department (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Trade Policy and Programs David Marchick); Treasury Department (Deputy Assistant Secretary Daniel Zelikow, Mr. Chris McCoy, Deputy Director Office of Trade Finance, Mr. Victor Miller, Office of Technical Assistance, Mr. John Ralyea, Office of African Nations); U.S. AID (Mr. Jerry Wolgin, Director of Office of Sustainable Development, Mr. Philip Gary, Director of Office of East African Affairs, Mr. Richard Greene, Mr. David Dod, Ms. Rita Aggorwal); USTR (Mr. Irving Williamson, Deputy General Counsel, Mr. D. Morressey); Commerce Department (Deputy Assistant Secretary Judith Barnett, Deputy Assistant Secretary Everette James, Ms. Sallie Miller, Director of the Office of Africa, Mr. Gerald Feldman, Deputy Director Office of Africa, Ms. Paula Mitchell, Office of Finance); Ex-Im Bank (Ms. Annmarie Emmet, Coordinator-Counselor for Africa, Mr. Jean-Robert Baguidy, Africa Loan Officer); OPIC (Mr. Samuel Smoots, Regional Business Development

Manager); Trade Development Agency (Mr. John Richter, Africa Regional Director, Mr. Michael Newell, Country Manager).

- On September 4, 1998, the registrant drafted a letter from the Secretary General of COMESA to all members of the U.S. Senate on the subject of the African Growth and Opportunity Act. COMESA revised and distributed the letter to the members of the Senate.

- On September 10, 1998, October 14, 1998, and October 27, 1998, the registrant spoke by telephone with Ms. Sally Miller of the Commerce Department to invite Secretary Daley to meet with COMESA during the Trade and Investment Mission to Africa to be led by Secretary Daley in December 1998.

- During October 5-13, 1998, a delegation from COMESA visited Washington. Immediately prior to and during that period, the registrant made telephone calls to officials at the following agencies to arrange meetings with the COMESA delegation: Treasury Department (Mr. Ed Barber and Mr. Natan Epstein of the Office of African Nations); U.S. AID (Mr. David Dod, Office of Africa), Ex-Im Bank (Ms. Annmarie Emmet, Coordinator-Counselor for Africa); OPIC (Mr. Samuel Smoots, Regional Business Development Manager); and the World Bank. The meetings were held in the offices of the various officials involved. The registrant attended the meetings with officials from Treasury, U.S. AID, OPIC and the World Bank. The subjects addressed during these meetings were: the status of COMESA's trade and investment liberalization programs, the proposed restructuring of the COMESA Clearing House to create the Regional Export Services Agency, and COMESA's request for technical and financial assistance for these projects.

- The registrant arranged for Mr. Mark Pearson of the COMESA Secretariat and Mr. Ali Mansoor to appear as speakers at a conference on infrastructure development in Sub-Saharan Africa, on October 8-9, 1998. The conference was sponsored by Societe Generale, Exnet and LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae. The registrant attended one session of the conference on October 9, 1998, with Mr. Mansoor.

- On October 15, 1998, the registrant distributed by mail to the law firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton and to the McGraw Hill Companies background information on COMESA and a report on the creation of RESA.

- On October 20, 1998 and October 26, 1998, the registrant spoke by telephone with Mr. N. Epstein of the Treasury Department concerning possible U.S. funding for the planning of the Regional Export Services Agency.

Answer to Item No. 12

During this six month period, the registrant engaged in the following "political activities" on behalf of COMESA:

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