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REPORT OF THE AUDIT DIVISION ON THE MISSOURI REPUBLICAN HOST COMMITTEE, INC.

I. Background

A. Overview

This report covers the post-convention audit of the Missouri Republican Host Committee, Inc. ("the Committee"), undertaken by the Audit Division of the Federal Election Commission to determine whether there has been compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). The audit was conducted pursuant to Section 438(a)(8) of Title 2, United States Code, which authorizes the Commission to make from time to time audits with respect to reports and statements filed under the provisions of the Act.

The Committee filed for incorporation on February 16, 1976, for the purpose of planning, organizing and administering various welcoming activities for the delegates, guests, and media representatives to the Republican National Convention held in Kansas City, Missouri in August, 1976. The Committee is a host committee as defined in Section 120.2(h) of the Commission's Regulations. The Committee maintains its records in Kansas City, Missouri.

The audit covered the period January 1, 1976, through December 31, 1976. ^{1/} During this period, the Committee reported a beginning cash balance of \$-0-, total receipts of \$162,115.17, total expenditures of \$129,332.29, and a closing cash balance of \$32,782.88.

This audit report is based on documents and working papers supporting each of its factual statements. They form part of the record upon which the Commission based its decisions on the matters in this report, and were available to Commissioners and appropriate staff for review.

^{1/} See Section II for present status of Committee.



B. Key Personnel

The principal officers of the Committee at the time of the audit were Mr. Richard Berkley, President/Treasurer, and Ms. Georganne Hedges, Executive Vice President.

C. Scope

The audit included such tests as verification of reported receipts and expenditures and individual transactions; review of required supporting documentation, analysis of Committee debts and obligations, to ensure compliance with the provisions of Section 9008 of Title 26 of the United States Code (Payments for Presidential Nominating Conventions), and such other audit procedures as deemed necessary under the circumstances.

II. Present Status of the Committee

At the present time the Committee is filing reports with the Commission. According to reports filed, a portion (\$25,250.00) of its positive cash residue on 12/31/76 was distributed to various civic and charitable organizations in the Kansas City area. Upon final settlement of all outstanding obligations the Committee has indicated it will give its remaining balance to local charities and terminate.

III. Host Committee Contributions

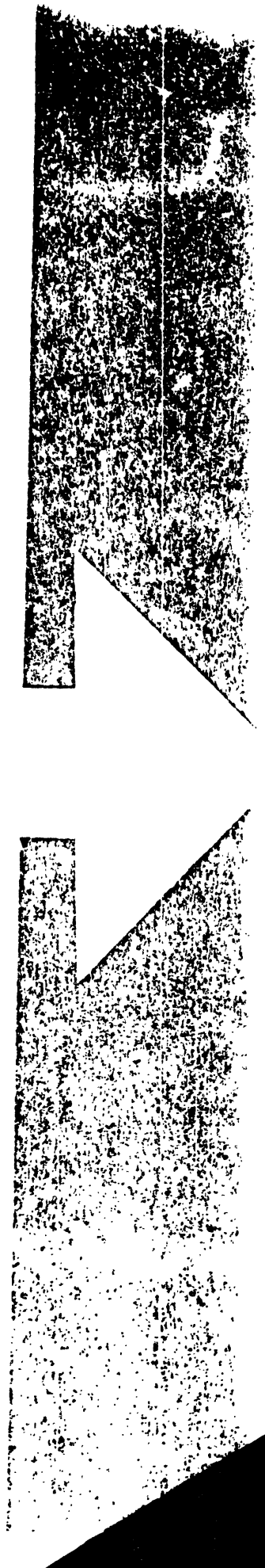
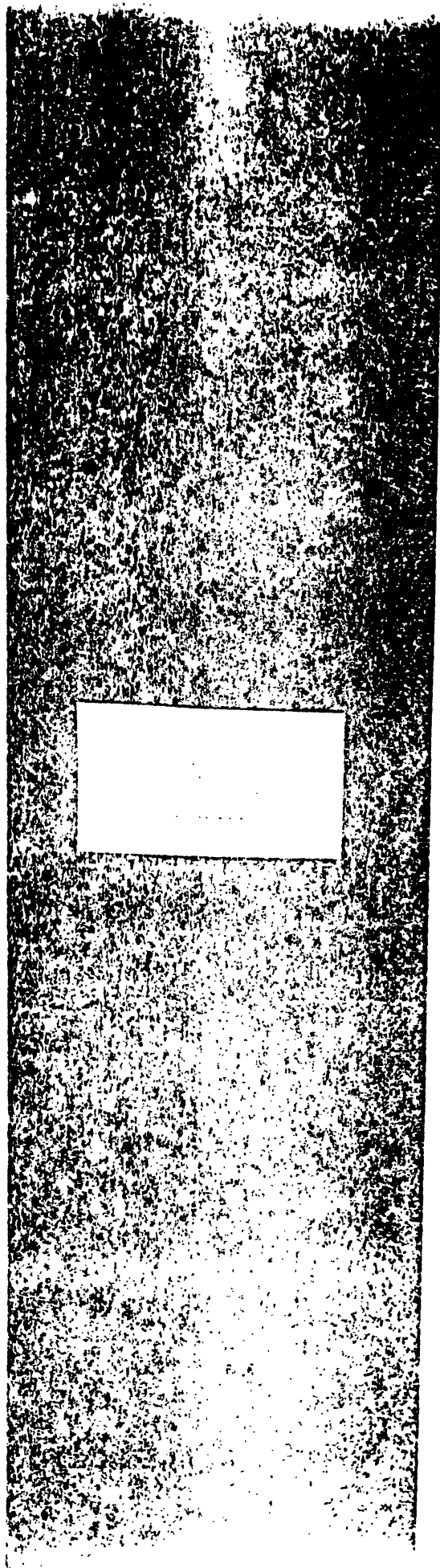
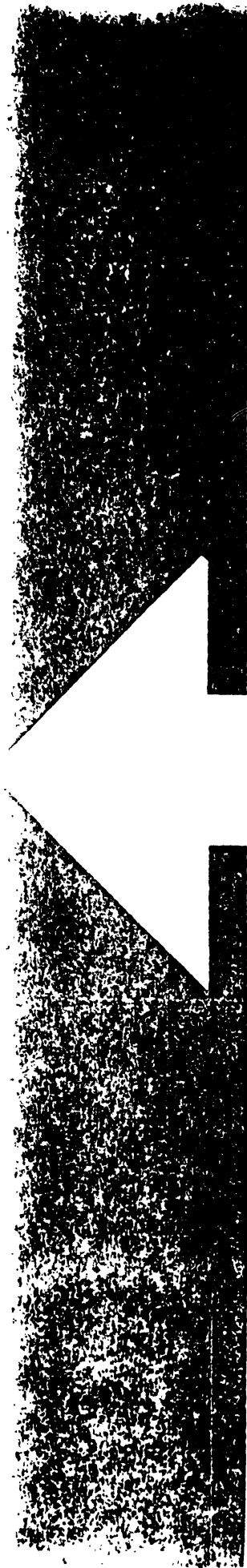
Sections 121.7, 121.8 and 121.9 of the Commission's Regulations set specific guidelines for host committees in the areas of in-kind contributions as well as donations from local businesses and labor organizations.

The contribution and expenditure reviews conducted during the audit included tests to ensure compliance with these provisions of the Regulations. No transfers were made to the Republican National Committee or the Arrangements Committee of the Republican National Committee for the 1976 Republican National Convention by this Committee.

Our review disclosed that the activity of the Committee was in material compliance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules and Regulations.

IV. Auditor's Statement

It is the opinion of the Audit staff, based upon examination of the reports and statements filed and the records presented, that the reports and statements of the Missouri Republican Host Committee, Inc. fairly present the financial activities of the Committee for the period covered by the audit. No material problems in complying with the Federal Election Campaign Act, and specifically Section 9008 of Title 26 of the United States Code, were discovered during the course of the audit.



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