



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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REPORT OF THE AUDIT DIVISION ON THE LYNN GREER FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE

I. Background

A. Overview

This report is based upon an audit of the Lynn Greer for Congress Committee ("the Committee") undertaken by the Audit Division of the Federal Election Commission in accordance with the Commission's audit policy 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 directs the Commission to make from time to time audits and field investigations with respect to reports and statements filed under the provisions of the Act.

The Committee registered with the Federal Election Commission on March 25, 1976, in support of Mr. Lynn Greer, Candidate for the Office of U.S. Representative from the 5th Congressional District of Alabama. The Committee maintained its headquarters in Rogersville, Alabama.

The audit covered the period March 5, 1976, the inception date of the Committee, through May 24, 1976, the final coverage date of the termination report filed by the Committee. The Committee reported a beginning cash balance at March 5, 1976, of \$-0-, total receipts for the period of \$22,735.50, total expenditures for the period of \$22,735.50, and a closing cash balance at May 24, 1976, of \$-0-. During this period the Candidate reported receipts of \$850.00 and expenditures of \$850.00.

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.



B. Key Personnel

The principal officers of the Committee during the period covered by the audit were Ms. Shirley Clanton, Chairwoman, and Mr. Willard Shelton, Treasurer.

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; and, such other audit procedures as deemed necessary under the circumstances.

II. Auditor's Statement and Description of Findings

It is the opinion of the Audit staff, based upon examination of the reports and statements filed and the records presented, that, except for the deficiencies noted below, the reports and statements of the Lynn Greer for Congress Committee fairly present the financial activities of the Committee for the period covered by the audit. Further, except as noted below, no material problems in complying with the Federal Election Campaign Act were discovered during the course of the audit.

A. Contribution in the Name of Another

Section 441f of Title 2 of the United States Code states in part that no person shall make a contribution in the name of another person.

Our examination of the Committee's contribution records revealed that the Candidate contributed \$3,900.00 from April 17 to May 1, 1976, and the contributions were reported as being given by six (6) different contributors. The Candidate stated the individuals listed as contributing the \$3,900.00 had performed volunteer services for the approximate value of the reported contribution. He further stated he had inquired of the Commission as to how to report the services and was instructed to report the services in the manner described. When we inquired as to who the Candidate spoke with at the Commission, he was unable to identify the person.

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We requested the Committee to amend their report to properly reflect the contribution made by the Candidate and to delete the value of volunteer services provided by the individuals since such services are not viewed as contributions under Section 431(e)(5)(A) of Title 2, United States Code. The Committee filed the requested amendment on October 18, 1977.

Recommendation

We recommend the Commission take no further action on this matter.

B. Contribution-in-kind

Section 434(b)(2) of Title 2 of the United States Code in part requires the Committee to disclose the name and mailing address along with the occupation and principal place of business of each person who has made one or more contributions aggregating in excess of \$100 to the committee or the candidate within a calendar year.

Our examination of the Committee's records revealed that the Committee had received from an individual a contribution-in-kind for newspaper ads in the amount of \$354.30 on April 30, 1976. However, the Committee did not report the receipt of the contribution-in-kind. We requested the Committee to amend their reports to reflect the contribution-in-kind and they filed the requested amendment on October 18, 1977, disclosing the information.

Recommendation

We recommend the Commission take no further action on this matter.

C. Inappropriate Attribution of Contributions

Section 434(b)(2) of Title 2 of the United States Code in part requires the Committee to disclose the name and mailing address along with the occupation and principal place of business of each person who has made one or more contributions aggregating in excess of \$100 to the committee or candidate within a calendar year.

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Our examination of the Committee's contribution records revealed that the Committee's Treasurer had made contributions to the Committee totaling \$1,177.90 while the reports disclosed the Treasurer's aggregate contributions to be \$1,000. When we pointed out to the Committee officials that the contributions exceed the \$1,000 limitation, they indicated two (2) of the contributions totaling \$177.90 were made by the Treasurer's spouse. Further, the Committee had not itemized the two (2) contributions in its disclosure reports. At our request, the Committee provided a written statement from the Treasurer's spouse stating the two (2) contributions were made by the Treasurer on her behalf, and the Committee filed an amendment to its reports disclosing the spouse as the contributor.

Recommendation

We recommend the Commission take no further action on this matter.

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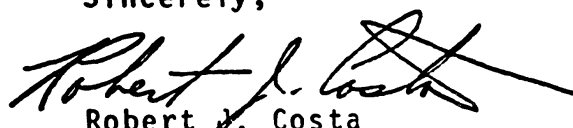
Dear Mr. Greer:

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the final audit report of the Lynn Greer for Congress Committee which was approved by the Commission on December 22, 1977.

As of this date, all audit reports pertaining to the random audits conducted within your District have not yet been approved by the Commission. However, while Commission policy regarding the public release of Congressional random audit reports is to issue the reports of all audits conducted within the District as a full District release, the policy further provides for the public issuance of an audit report which has been approved by the Commission for more than thirty days. Therefore, upon notice by return receipt that your informational copy of the report has been received (within approximately five days), it will be issued publicly by the Commission as a partial District release.

Should you have questions regarding the public release of these audit reports, please contact Mr. David Fiske of the Commission's Press Office at (202) 523-4065 or toll free at (800) 424-9530. Any questions you may yet have related to matters covered during the audit or in the audit report should be directed to Mr. Jim Nycum of the Audit Division at (202) 523-4155 or at the above toll free number.

Sincerely,


Robert J. Costa
Assistant Staff Director
for the Audit Division

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