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MEMORANDUM

TO: FRED EILAND
PRESS OFFICER

FROM: BOB COSTA *RC*

SUBJECT: PUBLIC ISSUANCE OF FINAL AUDIT REPORT -
MURER FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE

Attached please find a copy of the final audit report on the Murer For Congress Committee which was approved by the Commission on April 28, 1983.

Informational copies of the report have been received by all parties involved and the report may be released to the public.

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REPORT OF THE AUDIT DIVISION
ON THE
MURER FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE

I. Background

A. Overview

This report is based on an audit of the Murer 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(b) of Title 2 of the United States Code which states, in part, that the Commission may conduct audits and field investigations of any political committee required to file a report under Section 434 of this title. Prior to conducting any audit under this section, the Commission shall perform an internal review of reports filed by selected committees to determine if the reports filed by a particular committee meet the threshold requirements for substantial compliance with the Act.

The Committee registered with the United States House of Representatives on April 22, 1982 as the principal campaign committee designated by Mr. Michael A. Murer, Democratic candidate for the office of United States Representative from the 4th Congressional District of Illinois. The Committee maintains its headquarters in Joliet, Illinois.

The audit covered the period January 1, 1982, through December 31, 1982. The Committee reported a cash on hand balance January 1, 1982 of \$188.95; total receipts for the period of \$83,284.98; total disbursements for the period of \$83,097.81; and a cash on hand balance December 31, 1982 of \$(373.86). 1/

1/ The Committee made minor math errors with regard to reported activity.

This 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 Treasurers of the Committee during the period of audit were Mr. Raymond Slattery through December 17, 1982 and Ms. Jodi Carhart December 17, 1982 through December 31, 1982.

C. Scope

The audit included such tests as verification of total reported receipts and disbursements 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. Audit Findings and Recommendations

A. Disclosure of Contributions

Section 434(b) (3) (B), Title 2, United States Code requires a political committee to disclose in its Reports of Receipts and Disbursements the identification of each political committee which makes a contribution to the reporting committee during the reporting period, together with the date and amount of any such contribution.

The Audit staff reviewed the Committee's records and reports for the period of audit, and determined that the Committee received 53 contributions totaling \$50,183.27 from political committees. The Committee failed to disclose the required information outlined above for 23 of the contributions totaling \$12,780. These receipts were disclosed as unitemized contributions.

The Committee officials stated that the failure to itemize these contributions was due to an oversight by the Committee.

Recommendation

On April 22, 1983 the Committee filed a comprehensive amendment to its Reports of Receipts and Disbursements itemizing these contributions. Therefore, the Audit staff recommends no further action on this matter.

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