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MEMORANDUM

TO: FRED EILAND
PRESS OFFICER

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

Attached please find a copy of the final audit report of Al Swift for Congress Committee which was approved by the Commission on July 10, 1985.

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
AL SWIFT FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE

I. Background

A. Overview

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This report is based on an audit of the Al Swift 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 2 U.S.C. § 438(b) 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 Clerk of the House of Representatives on March 23, 1978, as the principal campaign committee designated by the Honorable Allan Byron Swift. The Committee maintains its headquarters in Everett, Washington.

The audit covered the period January 1, 1983 through December 31, 1984. The Committee reported an opening cash balance on January 1, 1983, of \$6,141.06; total receipts for the period of \$328,968.28; total disbursements for the period of \$304,282.93 and a cash on hand balance December 31, 1984, of \$30,826.41.

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 Treasurer of the Committee during the period of audit was Ms. Betty Bagley.

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. However, although the contribution records provided by the Committee meet the recordkeeping requirements of 2 U.S.C. §432(c) and 11 C.F.R. § 102.9(a) the records were not maintained in a manner which allowed testing for correct aggregate contributor totals and proper itemization.

II. Audit Findings and Recommendations

A. Misstatement of Financial Activity

Sections 434(b)(2) and (4) of Title 2 of the United States Code state, in part, that each report shall contain the total amount of all receipts and disbursements for the reporting period and the calendar year.

A reconciliation between the Committee's bank account and disclosure reports revealed that the Committee's reports contained a \$14,700 overstatement in receipts and a \$14,660 overstatement in disbursements. The receipts overstatement was apparently the result of an incorrect calculation performed by the Treasurer concerning total receipts during the 10/1/84 - 11/26/84 reporting periods. The disbursement overstatement occurred when \$14,300.00 in loan repayments and a \$405 contribution refund were reported twice during the 10/18/84 - 11/26/84 reporting period.

According to the Treasurer, the Committee itemized the majority of receipts and disbursements regardless of amount through September 30, 1984. Upon the advice of the Commission, beginning on October 1, 1984, only receipts and disbursements in excess of or aggregating in excess of \$200 in the calendar year were itemized.^{1/} The overstatements were the result of errors made during this transition period.

The Treasurer of the Committee stated that amended reports would be filed.

On May 17, 1985, the Committee filed an amended report correcting the misstatements noted above.

Recommendation

The Audit staff recommends no further action in this matter.

^{1/} See 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(a)(4)(i) and (b)(4)(i)

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A matter noted during the audit was referred to the Office of General Counsel.

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