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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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REPORT OF THE AUDIT DIVISION ON THE WATKINS FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE

AND THE

WES WATKINS FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE OF PITTSBURG COUNTY

I. Background

A. Overview

This report is based upon audits of the Watkins for Congress Committee and the Wes Watkins for Congress Committee of Pittsburg County ("the Committees"), 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 audits were conducted pursuant to Section 438(a)(8) of Title 2 of the 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 Watkins for Congress Committee registered with the Federal Election Commission on June 28, 1976, in support of Wesley Wade Watkins, candidate for the office of United States Representative from the Third (3rd) Congressional District of Oklahoma and maintains its headquarters in Ada, Oklahoma. On June 28, 1976, this Committee was designated by the candidate as his principal campaign committee for the 1976 elections.

The Wes Watkins for Congress Committee of Pittsburg County registered as an unauthorized committee with the Federal Election Commission on September 14, 1976, in support of Wesley Wade Watkins, candidate for the office of United States Representative from the Third (3rd) Congressional District of Oklahoma and maintained its headquarters in McAlester, Oklahoma. On April 6, 1978, the candidate authorized this committee and both committees filed amended Statements of Organization on April 7, 1978, indicating their affiliation.



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The audits covered the period from April 1, 1976, the inception date of the first report filed by the Watkins for Congress Committee to September 30, 1977, the final coverage date of the last report filed by the Watkins for Congress Committee at the time of the audit. The Wes Watkins for Congress Committee of Pittsburg County terminated on October 23, 1976. The balances reported by the Committees are as follows:

<u>Name of Committee</u>	<u>Opening Cash Balance</u>	<u>Total Receipts for Period</u>	<u>Total Expenditures for Period</u>	<u>Closing Cash Balance</u>
Watkins for Congress Committee	-0-	\$188,501.17	\$144,587.64	\$43,913.53
Wes Watkins for Congress Committee of Pittsburg County	-0-	\$ 5,118.00	\$ 5,118.00	-0-

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

B. Key Personnel

The principal officers of the Watkins for Congress Committee for the period covered by the audit were William Walter Woolley, Jr., Chairman, Juanita Allen, Co-Chairman, and Marcus R. Griffin, Jr., Treasurer.

The principal officers of the Wes Watkins for Congress Committee of Pittsburg County for the period covered by the audit were Ronald D. Testa, Chairman, Robert L. Haney, Vice-Chairman, and James L. Cowl, Treasurer.

c. Scope

The audits included such tests as verification of total reported receipts and expenditures and individual transactions; review of required supporting documentation; analysis of the Committees' debts and obligations; and, such other audit procedures as deemed necessary under the circumstances.

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II. 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 Watkins for Congress Committee and the Wes Watkins for Congress Committee of Pittsburg County fairly present the financial activity of the committees for the period covered by the audits. No material problems in complying with the Federal Election Campaign Act were discovered during the course of the audits.

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CONGRESSIONAL AUDIT REPORT

Candidate/Committee: Wes Watkins / Watkins for Congress Committee - 5/26/78

State: Oklahoma

District: 3

Location: McAlester, Pittsburg

Political Party Affiliation: Democrat

Major Opponent(s): Gerald Beasley (R)

Other Candidates Audited: Charles Ward (D) Gerald Beasley (R)
Gary Payne (D) 5/22/78 Tom Pate (R)
Hamp Baker (D)

Votes Cast: General Election - Watkins 151,271 Beasley 31,732

Primary Election - Watkins 46,066
DEMOCRAT Ward 36,431
Payne 27,253 Baker 21,843

Total Receipts for Period: \$193,619.17

Total Expenditures for Period: \$149,705.64

First Elected (if applicable): 1976

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