



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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MEMORANDUM

TO: FRED EILAND
PRESS OFFICE

THROUGH: BOB COSTA *BJC*

FROM: JUDY HAWKINS *JH*

SUBJECT: PUBLIC ISSUANCE OF FINAL AUDIT REPORT -
REPUBLICAN PARTY OF WISCONSIN

Attached please find a copy of the final audit report of the Republican Party of Wisconsin which was approved by the Commission on March 14, 1980.

Informational copies of this report have been received by all parties involved and this report may be released to the public as of today, March 26, 1980.

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REPORT OF THE AUDIT DIVISION ON THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF WISCONSIN

I. Background

A. Overview

This report is based on an audit of the Republican Party of Wisconsin ("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 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 Committee registered with the Office of the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives on April 19, 1972 as the State committee representing the Republican Party in Wisconsin. ^{1/} The Committee maintains its headquarters in Madison, Wisconsin.

The audit covered the period January 1, 1976 to October 2, 1978, the final coverage date of the latest report filed by the Committee at the time of the audit. During 1976, the Committee reported a beginning cash balance of \$12,755.11, total receipts of \$516,977.99, total expenditures of \$524,047.91, and a closing cash balance on December 31, 1976 when it terminated its registration with the Commission of \$5,685.19.

The Republican Party of Wisconsin-Federal Committee, which registered with the Commission on December 27, 1976, reported a beginning cash of \$ -0-, total receipts of \$61,804.74, total expenditures of \$55,113.77 and a closing cash balance on October 2, 1978 of \$6,690.97.

^{1/} The Committee originally registered as the Republican Party of Wisconsin and, for calendar year 1976, filed reports which included both Federal and State election activity. On December 27, 1976, the Republican Party of Wisconsin registered a separate Federal committee which was established in accordance with Section 102.6(a)(1)(i) of the Commission's Regulations to report Federal activity only.

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This audit report is based on documents and working papers which support 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: Chairman - George Parker, 1/1/76-12/27/76; Alice W. Read, 12/27/76-7/12/77; J. Michael Borden, 7/12/77-10/2/78; Treasurer - J. Michael Borden, 1/1/76-7/12/77; Arthur Shannon, 7/12/77-7/7/78; Oliver Smith, 7/7/78-10/2/78.

C. Scope

The audit included such tests as verification of total 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. Finding and Recommendation

A. Matter Referred to the Office of General Counsel

Certain matters noted during the audit were referred to the Commission's Office of General Counsel for consideration on February 16, 1979.

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