



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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REPORT OF THE AUDIT DIVISION ON THE DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF MARYLAND

I. Background

A. Overview

This report is based on an audit of the Democratic State Central Committee of Maryland ("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 Clerk of the United States House of Representatives on May 20, 1975, as the state central committee of the Maryland Democratic Party. It maintains its headquarters in Baltimore, Maryland.

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 Mr. Roy N. Staten, Chairman, Miss Anne E. Baker, Treasurer during the period January 1, 1975 through October 22, 1976 and Miss Teresa Barry, Treasurer during the period October 23, 1976 through June 30, 1977.



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. 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, the Democratic State Central Committee of Maryland is not a political committee as defined by the Act and is not subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

This opinion is based on the fact that the Committee does not support nor does it anticipate supporting candidates in connection with Federal elections. The Committee exists to gather data and provide information on elections. The Committee registered and filed reports pursuant to the Act believing that it was required to do so.

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