



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON DC 20463

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MEMORANDUM

TO: FRED EILAND
PRESS OFFICE

THROUGH: BOB COSTA *RC*

FROM: JUDY HAWKINS *JH*

SUBJECT: PUBLIC ISSUANCE OF AUDIT REPORT -
1978 NATIONAL PARTY CONFERENCE
ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE, INC.

Attached please find a copy of the final audit report of the 1978 National Party Conference Arrangements Committee, Inc., which was approved by the Commission on January 30, 1980.

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

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REPORT OF THE AUDIT DIVISION ON THE 1978 NATIONAL PARTY CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE, INC.

I. Background

A. Overview

This report is based on an audit of the 1978 National Party Conference Arrangements Committee, Inc. ("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 Federal Election Commission on September 1, 1978 as an affiliated committee of the Democratic National Committee, and of the DNC-Services Corporation. The purpose of the Committee was to administer the Democratic party's mid-term conference. The objective of the mid-term conference was for discussion of issues included in the 1976 Democratic Party Platform and other national issues. The Committee maintains its headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The audit covered the period September 1, 1978 through June 30, 1979, the coverage date of the latest report filed by the Committee at the time of the audit. During the period, the Committee reported a beginning cash balance of \$-0-, total receipts of \$406,732.09, total expenditures of \$405,744.56, and a closing cash balance on June 30, 1979 of \$987.53. The primary sources of funding for the Committee were fees assessed to the attending state delegations, and additional funding was from the DNC-Services Corporation.

This audit report is based on documents and working papers which support 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.

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B. Key Personnel

The principal officers during the period audited were; Mr. Gordon Wynne, Jr., Chairperson, and Mr. G.E. Nicholson, Treasurer.

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

Based upon examination of the reports and statements filed and the records presented, the 1978 National Party Conference Arrangements Committee, Inc., is not a political committee as defined by Section 431(d) of Title 2 of the United States Code and therefore not subject to the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act. This opinion is based on the fact that the Committee had no receipts or expenditures in connection with Federal elections during the period audited. The Committee plans to file a termination report in January, 1980.

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