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MEMORANDUM

TO: FRED EILAND
PRESS OFFICER

FROM: ROBERT J. COSTA *RC*
ASSISTANT STAFF DIRECTOR
AUDIT DIVISION

SUBJECT: PUBLIC ISSUANCE OF FINAL AUDIT REPORT - DEMOCRATIC
STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE/FEDERAL ACCOUNT (Connecticut)

Attached please find a copy of the final audit report of the Democratic State Central Committee/Federal Account (Connecticut) which was approved by the Commission January 21, 1987.

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

Attachment as stated

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FINAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT DIVISION
ON THE
DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE/FEDERAL ACCOUNT
(Connecticut)

I. Background

A. Overview

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This report is based on an audit of the Democratic State Central Committee/Federal Account ("the Committee") undertaken by the Audit Division of the Federal Election Commission in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). The audit was conducted pursuant to Section 438(b) of Title 2 of the United States Code 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 subsection, 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 Federal Election Commission on May 18, 1983 and maintains its headquarters in Hartford, Connecticut.

The audit covered the period from the Committee's inception, May 18, 1983, through December 31, 1984. The Committee reported a cash on hand balance on May 18, 1983 of \$-0-; total receipts for the period of \$108,732.19; total disbursements for the period of \$106,640.29 and a closing cash balance on December 31, 1984 of \$2,091.90.

This report is based on documents and workpapers supporting each of its 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 the Commissioners and appropriate staff for review.

B. Key Personnel

The Treasurers of the Committee during the period audited were:

Ms. Alberta Barbash	5/18/83 - 8/84
Ms. Maureen G. Satti	8/84 - present

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.

II. Audit Findings and Recommendations

A. Prohibited Contribution

Section 441(b) of Title 2, United States Code states, in part, that it is unlawful for any corporation, national bank, or labor organization to make a contribution or expenditure in connection with any election to any Federal office.

On February 7, 1985, the Reports Analysis Division raised a question concerning a \$1,500 contribution the Committee received on October 23, 1984 from an apparent labor organization which was not a political committee registered with the Commission. The Committee responded on March 11, 1985 stating that the contribution should not have been accepted and that the funds were transferred to the non-Federal account on March 1, 1985. This was verified by the auditors during the audit fieldwork.

RECOMMENDATION

The Audit staff recommends no further action on this matter.

B. Matters Referred to the Office of General Counsel

Certain matters noted during the audit were referred to the Commission's Office of General Counsel.

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