



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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REPORT OF THE AUDIT DIVISION ON THE ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE OF THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE 1976 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

I. Background

A. Overview

This report covers an audit of the Arrangements Committee of the Republican National Committee for the 1976 Republican National Convention ("the Committee") undertaken by the Audit Division of the Federal Election Commission 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 9008(g) of Title 26 of the United States Code which directs the Commission to conduct an examination and audit of payments for Presidential nominating conventions.

The audit covered the period from April 2, 1975, the date on which the Committee registered with the Office of Federal Elections, United States General Accounting Office, through April 19, 1978, the date on which the final repayment check was delivered to the United States Treasury. During the period 4/2/75 through 12/31/77 1/, the Committee reported beginning cash-on-hand of \$-0-, total receipts of \$2,231,842.76, 2/ total expenditures of \$2,195,796.55 2/ and a closing cash balance of \$36,046.21. The Committee received \$1,963,800.00 in payments from the Presidential nominating convention fund, disbursed \$1,581,686.69 for convention expenses as defined in Section 120.2(f) of the Commission's Regulations and returned \$382,205.36 in unused funds to the United States Treasury. 3/

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 of the audit were Mrs. Mary Louise Smith, Chairman, and Mr. Robert S. Carter, Treasurer. The Committee maintains its headquarters in Washington, D.C.

C. Scope

The audit included such tests as verification of reported receipts and expenditures and individual transactions; review of required supporting documentation; analysis of Committee debts and obligations to ensure compliance with the provisions of Section 9008 of Title 26 of the United States Code (Payments for Presidential Nominating Conventions), and such other audit procedures as deemed necessary under the circumstances.

II. Auditor's Statement

It is the opinion of the Audit staff, based upon examination of the reports and statements filed and records presented, that the reports and statements of the Arrangements Committee of the Republican National Committee for the 1976 Republican National Convention fairly present the financial activities of the Committee for the period covered by the audit. No material problems in complying with the Federal Election Campaign Act, and specifically Section 9008 of Title 26 of the United States Code, were discovered during the course of the audit.

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- 1/ Activity for the period 1/1/78 through 4/19/78 will be included in the Committee's termination report to be filed on or before 7/10/78.
 - 2/ Total receipts of \$2,231,842.76 comprised of \$1,963,892.05 in Federal funds, including \$92.05 in earned interest, \$50,000.00 in loans received, and \$217,950.71 in refunds and rebates received. Total expenditures of \$2,195,796.55 comprised of \$1,762,809.03 in gross convention expenses, \$382,135.52 in repayments to the Fund, \$50,000.00 in loan repayments and \$852.00 in other expenditures.
 - 3/ These figures are for the period 4/2/75 through 4/19/78 and include \$92.05 in interest earned on Federal funds.

