



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

REPORT OF THE AUDIT DIVISION ON THE CITIZENS FOR THE REPUBLIC

I. Background

A. Overview

This report is based on an audit of the Citizens for the Republic ("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 as a multicandidate committee on January 27, 1977 at which time it became the successor to Citizens For Reagan ("CFR"), the principal campaign committee for Ronald Reagan's 1976 Presidential campaign. ^{1/}

The audit covered the period January 1, 1977 through December 31, 1978, the final 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 \$1,610,784.68, total receipts of \$3,114,523.75, total expenditures of \$4,509,082.84, and a closing cash balance on December 31, 1978 of \$216,225.59.

^{1/} Citizens for Reagan filed an amended statement of organization on January 27, 1977, which changed the name to Citizens for the Republic. In addition, the amended statement of organization specified that the Committee was to become a multicandidate committee, not affiliated with any other political committee.

The audit report is based on documents and working papers which support each of the 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 Commissioners and appropriate staff for review.

B. Key Personnel

The principal officers of the Committee were Mr. Ronald Reagan, Chairman, and Mr. Jack L. Courtemanche, Treasurer, from January 27, 1977 through December 31, 1978.

C. Scope

The audit included such tests as verification of total reported receipts and expenditures and individual transactions; review of required supporting documentation and analysis of Committee debts and obligations; and such other audit procedures as deemed necessary under the circumstances.

II. Findings and Recommendations

A. Matters 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 July 11 and November 13, 1979.

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