



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ms. Mary V. Swann
Secretary-Treasurer
National Democratic Research
Organization House Campaign Committee
715 8th Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Ms. Swann:

This letter is prompted by the statement you attached to your committee's Statement of Organization, filed with the Commission on March 1, 1978. In that statement, you declared the National Democratic Research Organization House Campaign Committee's (hereinafter "NDRO") status as a national campaign committee, thereby subject to the receipts and expenditures limitations imposed on national committees pursuant to 2 U.S.C. §441a(a)(1)(B).

Under Section 110.1(b), of the Commission's Regulations, there is only one campaign committee permitted for each party in each House of Congress, for the purpose of accepting contributions pursuant to 2 U.S.C. §441a(a)(1)(B) and CFR 110.1(b). The already recognized House campaign committee of the Democratic Party is the Democratic National Congressional Committee.

Other groups such as yours cannot justifiably claim national committee status unless the DNCC claims them as an affiliate. An examination of the DNCC's reports reveals that your committee is not claimed as an affiliate. The Commission, therefore, wishes to inform you that, consistent with the law, you are not justified in claiming national committee status.



However, if you have any information which you believe supports your claim that you have this status, please submit it to us within ten days of your receipt of this letter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Irene Allen (202) 523-1474, the staff member assigned to this matter.

Sincerely,

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
)
National Democratic Research) MUR 550
Organization House Campaign)
Committee)

CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, Secretary to the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on May 22, 1978, the Commission approved by a vote of 5-0 the recommendations in the First General Counsel's Report, undated, to take the following actions in the above-captioned matter:

1. Refer the matter to Reports Analysis Division.
2. Approve the letter attached to the First General Counsel's Report to be sent by Reports Analysis Division.

Commissioners Harris, Springer, Tiernan, Staebler and Thomson returned their vote papers by the deadline.

Date: 5/22/78

Marjorie W. Emmons
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Secretary to the Commission



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May 17, 1978

MEMORANDUM TO: Marge Emmons

FROM: Elissa T. Garr *EG*

SUBJECT: MUR 550

Please have the attached revised 7 day report on MUR 550 distributed to the Commission on a 48 hour tally basis.

Thank you.

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

FIRST GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSMITTAL
BY OGC TO COMMISSION _____

MUR NO. 550
STAFF MEMBER(S) Seyfarth

DATE REFERRED TO OGC: March 17,
'78

SOURCE OF MUR: I N T E R N A L L Y G E N E R A T E D

RESPONDENT'S NAME: National Democratic Research Organization
House Campaign Committee

RELEVANT STATUTE: 2 U.S.C. §441a
CFR §110.1(b)

INTERNAL REPORTS CHECKED: Reports Analysis

FEDERAL AGENCIES CHECKED: None

GENERATION OF MATTER

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Under Section 110.1(b), of the Commission's Regulations, there is one campaign committee permitted for each national political party in each House of Congress, which is considered part of the national political committee structure, for the purpose of accepting contributions pursuant to 2 U.S.C. §441a(a)(1)(B), and CFR §110.1(b). The Democratic National Congressional Committee in the House is the national campaign committee there for the Democratic National Committee.

ANALYSIS

Since the Democratic National Congressional Committee in the House is already recognized as the national campaign committee there, other groups may not claim national campaign committee status unless the national campaign committee also claims them as an affiliate. An examination of the Democratic National Congressional Committee's reports reveals that NDRO is not claimed

as an affiliate and therefore, is not entitled to claim national campaign committee status.

The Commission should inform NDRO of this information and should request that they supply any additional information which they may have to justify their claimed status as a national campaign committee subject to the §441a limitations. Since the NDRO statement came to Reports Analysis as a declaration of intent by that Committee without any contributions having been received which might have exceeded the limit, we think it would be most appropriate for the matter to be re-directed to Reports Analysis.

RECOMMENDATION

The Commission should direct the referral of the matter to Reports Analysis and approve the attached letter which should be sent by Reports Analysis.



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May 4, 1978

MEMORANDUM TO: CHARLES STEELE
FROM: MARJORIE W. EMMONS *MWE*
SUBJECT: OBJECTIONS TO MURs 550 (78) and 557 (78).

Commissioner Tiernan submitted objections to MURs 550 (78) and 557 (78) at 9:25, May 4, 1978.

MURs 550 (78) and 557 (78) have been placed on the Executive Session Agenda for Wednesday, May 10, 1978.

Please destroy the certifications delivered to the Office of General Counsel, Docket Coordinator, at 8:25, this date, on the above-mentioned MURs.

cc: Commissioner Tiernan

April 28, 1978

MEMORANDUM TO: Marge Emmons
FROM: Elissa T. Garr
SUBJECT: MUR 550

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FIRST GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSMITTAL
BY OGC TO COMMISSION _____

MUR NO. 550
STAFF MEMBER(S) _____
DATE COMPLAINT Scyfarth
REC'D BY OGC: March 17, 1978

SOURCE OF MUR: I N T E R N A L L Y G E N E R A T E D, Disclosure
RESPONDENT'S NAME: National Democratic Research Division
Organization House Campaign Committee

RELEVANT STATUTE: 2 U.S.C. §441a
2 U.S.C. §437f(a)

INTERNAL REPORTS CHECKED: Disclosure

FEDERAL AGENCIES CHECKED: None

GENERATION OF MATTER

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Under the Act, there is one national political committee for each party in each House of Congress. The Democratic National Committee of the House has registered and declared itself as that party's national committee of the House of Representatives. Any other committee may not claim affiliation or connection with a national committee unless the national committee also claims the affiliation or connection. The Democratic National Committee does not claim affiliation or connection with NDRO. Furthermore, the committee with which NDRO claims connection, the Democratic Research Organization, is not claimed as an affiliate by the D.N.C., nor is it even registered with the Commission.



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We would appreciate your sending additional documentation with regard to your claim that you have national committee status. Please respond within ten days of your receipt of this letter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Irene Allen (202) 523-1474, the staff member assigned to this matter.

Sincerely,



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1275 K STREET, N.W.
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March 10, 1978

MEMORANDUM

TO: WILLIAM C. OLDAKER

THROUGH: ORLANDO B. POTTER *OBP*
THOMAS J. HASELHORST *TJH*

FROM: IRENE ALLEN *IA*

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE STATUS OF THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC RESEARCH ORGANIZATION

Attached please find a copy of a Statement of Organization filed by the National Democratic Research Organization House Campaign Committee. The committee states that it is a national committee of the Democratic Party on the basis of: 1) its connected organization, the Democratic Research Organization, which is comprised of Democratic members of the House of Representatives; 2) its status as a "national house campaign committee" supporting exclusively Democratic candidates for election to the House; and 3) its fulfillment of the provisions of the law (the committee cited 2 U.S.C. 441a and 11 C.F.R. 110.1 and 110.2). A determination of their status as a national committee is needed in order to monitor the committee's receipt and expenditure limitations.



Statement of Organization For a Committee

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Form 1
1976
Federal Election Commission
1101 L Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Name of Committee
National Democratic Research Organization House Campaign Committee

- 7 Area, Scope and Jurisdiction of Committee
- (a) Will this committee operate in more than one State? Yes No
 - (b) Will it operate on a statewide basis in one State? Yes No
 - (c) Will it primarily support candidates seeking State or local office? Yes No
 - (d) Will it support or does it anticipate supporting directly or indirectly, candidates for Federal office in excess of \$1,000 in a calendar year? Yes No

8 (a) List by name, address, office sought, and party affiliation, any candidate for Federal office that this committee is supporting
Not determined at this time *

Full name(s) of candidate(s)	Mailing address and ZIP code	Office sought	Party

8 (b) List by name, address, office sought, and party affiliation, any candidate(s) for any other public office(s) that this committee is supporting (unless the committee is supporting the entire ticket of a party as indicated in line 9) **None**

Full name(s) of candidate(s)	Mailing address and ZIP code	Office sought	Party

9 If this committee is supporting the entire ticket of a party, give name of party **---**

10 Identify by name, address and position, the person in possession of committee books and records

Full name	Mailing address and ZIP code	Title or position
Mary V. Swann	715 - 8th Street SE Washington, DC 20003	Secretary-Treasurer

Submit additional information on separate continuation sheets appropriately labeled and attached to this Statement of Organization. Indicate in the appropriate section above when information is continued on separate pages. **See page 3**

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NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC RESEARCH ORGANIZATION HOUSE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

The Federal Election Campaign Act Amendments of 1976, Public Law 94-283, 2 U.S.C. 441 provides: "... (a) (1) No person shall make contributions—... (3) to the political committees established and maintained by a national party, which are not the authorized political committees of any candidate, in any calendar year which, in the aggregate, exceed \$20,000;... (2) No multicandidate political committee shall make contributions—... (4) to the political committees established and maintained by a national party, which are not authorized political committees of any candidate, in any calendar year, which, in the aggregate, exceed \$15,000...."

The House of Representatives Conference Report (Report No. 94-1097), page 53, lines 4-7) accompanying P.L. 94-283 that was enacted into law as the Federal Election Campaign Act Amendments of 1976, Public Law 94-283 made crystal clear the Congressional meaning intended by both the House of Representatives and Senate of this portion of the law by stating: "... In this connection, the term 'political committee established or maintained by a national political party' includes the ... House Campaign Committees...."

Further, the Federal Election Commission Regulations in Section 110.1 state in part as follows: "... (b) (1) No person (except multicandidate committees under Section 110.2) shall make contributions to the political committees established and maintained by a national political party, which, in the aggregate, exceed \$20,000 in any calendar year. (2) For purposes of this section, 'political committees established and maintained by a national political party' means—... (ii) the House campaign committee;..." In addition, the FEC Regulations in Section 110.2 state in part as follows: "(a) No multicandidate political committee shall make contributions—... (2) To the political committees established and maintained by a national political party in any calendar year which, in the aggregate, exceed \$15,000.... (ii) 'Political committees established and maintained by a national political party' means... (c) the House campaign committee...."

Whereas, the National Democratic Research Organization House Campaign Committee: (1) is a connected national organization of the Democratic Research Organization established in 1973 and whose membership, by virtue of its constitution, consists solely of Democratic Members of the U.S. House of Representatives representing Congressional Districts throughout the United States; (2) is a national House campaign committee organized to support exclusively Democratic candidates standing for election to the U.S. House of Representatives from the various Congressional Districts throughout the United States; and (3) completely fulfills the provisions of law, its reported meaning and the companion FEC regulations cited above, and it will act accordingly.

Statement of Constitutional Purpose and Interests
of the Democratic Research Organization,
the Democratic Research Organization

The Democratic Research Organization (DRO) is a voluntary national organization founded in 1973 whose membership is composed solely of Democratic Members of the U. S. House of Representatives representing Congressional districts throughout the United States. Its constitutional purpose is through joint effort to provide research and analysis of legislation and issues facing its membership in Congress, and to render timely assistance to better enable its Members to discharge more effectively their individual legislative responsibilities. No member of DRO is bound against his or her will or conscience, to any belief, position or vote on any issue or legislation.

Members of DRO have varied individual legislative interests but share special community interests on issues in some of the following areas: 1) that the nation's interests are best served by carefully applied expenditures; 2) in striving to insure the maintenance of an adequate national defense system; 3) in insuring the availability of sufficient energy through development, production and transportation of an adequate supply of fuels, chemicals and power; and 4) in providing for a sound economy with bountiful agriculture and industry operating at optimum levels.

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THIS IS THE END OF MUR # 550

