



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20543

November 5, 1980

MEMORANDUM

TO: FRED ETLAND
PRESS OFFICE

THROUGH: BOB COSTA *RC*

FROM: JUDY HAWKINS

SUBJECT: PUBLIC ISSUANCE OF FINAL AUDIT REPORT -
MICHIGAN REPUBLICAN STATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Attached please find a copy of the final audit report of the Michigan Republican State Finance Committee which was approved by the Commission on July 9, 1980.

Informational copies of the report have been received by all parties involved and this report may be released to the public today, November 5, 1980.

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REPORT OF THE AUDIT DIVISION ON THE MICHIGAN REPUBLICAN STATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

I. Background

A. Overview

This report is based on an audit of the Michigan Republican State Finance Committee ("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 Office of the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives on March 9, 1974, as a state committee representing the Michigan Republican Party. It maintains its headquarters in Lansing, Michigan.

The audit covered the period January 1, 1976 through September 30, 1978, the final coverage date of the most recent report filed by the Committee at the time of the audit. The Committee reported a beginning cash balance on January 1, 1976 of \$16,317.76, total receipts for the period of \$2,264,025.43, total expenditures for the period of \$2,272,554.26 and a closing cash balance on September 30, 1978 of \$7,788.93.

This 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 during the period audited were Mr. Jay Van Andel, Chairman, and Mr. Robert Fisher, Secretary-Treasurer.

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. Audit Findings and Recommendations

A. Matters Referred to the Office of General Counsel

Matters noted during the audit were referred to the Commission's Office of General Counsel for consideration on February 6, 1980.

B. Disclosure of Expenditures

Section 434(b) (9) of Title 2 of the United States Code states, in part, that each report shall disclose the identification of each person to whom expenditures have been made by such committee within the calendar year in an aggregate amount or value in excess of \$100, and the amount, date, and purpose of each such expenditure.

During the review of the records, it was determined that the Committee did not itemize 388 expenditures, totaling \$197,412.78 each aggregating in excess of \$100. The majority of these expenditures were for payroll. This represents 47% of the number and 29% of the dollar amount of expenditures that were required to be itemized.

Based on the Audit staff's recommendation, the Committee filed on November 15, 1979, amended reports itemizing the 388 previously unitemized expenditures, totaling \$197,412.78.

Recommendation

The Audit staff recommends no further action on this matter based on the Committee's actions.

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