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MEMORANDUM

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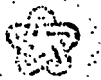
SUBJECT: PUBLIC ISSUANCE OF AUDIT REPORT -
REPUBLICAN NATIONAL HISPANIC ASSEMBLY

Attached please find a copy of the final audit report of the Republican National Hispanic Assembly which was approved by the Commission on July 19, 1979.

As of this date all informational copies of the report have been received by all individuals involved and this report may be released to the public.

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REPORT OF THE AUDIT DIVISION ON THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL HISPANIC ASSEMBLY

I. Background

A. Overview

This report is based on an audit of the Republican National Hispanic Assembly ("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 433(a)(3) of Title 2 of the United States Code, which directs the Commission to make periodic inspections and field investigations with regard to reports and statements filed under the provisions of the Act.

The Committee was organized with the United States General Accounting Office on August 26, 1971. The Committee is an affiliate of the Republican National Committee. It maintains its headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The audit covered the period January 1, 1976 through December 31, 1976, the final coverage date of the latest report filed by the Committee at the time of the audit. During this period, the Committee reported a beginning cash balance of \$44.30, total receipts of \$107,017.00, total expenditures of \$999,214.70 and ending cash balance at December 31, 1976 of \$7,111.31.

This audit report is based on documents and working papers which support each of its factual statements. They form part of the information which the Commission based its conclusions on. The information in this report and were available to the Committee and the public.

B. Key Personnel

The principal officers of the Committee during the period covered by the audit were Benjamin Fernandez, Chairman, from January 1, 1976 through August 23, 1978, and Fernando Garcia, Chairman, from August 29, 1978 through December 31, 1978; Frank Carillas, Treasurer, from January 1, 1976 through December 4, 1977 and Edward Lucero, Treasurer, from December 5, 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; analysis of Committee debts and obligations; and, such other tests, procedures and deemed necessary under the circumstances.

D. Opinion of the Staff

It is the opinion of the Audit staff, based upon examination of the reports and statements filed and the records present at the Republican National Hispanic Assembly is not a political committee as defined by Section 471(d) of Title 2 of the United States Code for the period January 1, 1976 through December 31, 1978 and therefore not subject to the reporting requirements of the law. This opinion is based on the fact that the organization has no political activities in connection with the election process for the calendar year.

In addition, it is the opinion of the Audit staff, based upon examination of the reports and statements filed and the records present, that the Republican National Hispanic Assembly has conducted its activities in compliance with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, in all material aspects. The financial records filed by the organization for the period January 1, 1977 through December 31, 1978.

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