



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20463

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REPORT OF THE AUDIT DIVISION
ON THE
MONTEREY COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

I. Background

A. Overview

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This report is based on an audit of the Monterey County Republican Central 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(b) of Title 2 of the United States Code which states, in part, that the Commission may conduct audits and field investigations of any political committee required to file a report under Section 434 of this title. Prior to conducting any audit under this subsection, the Commission shall perform an internal review of reports filed by selected committees to determine if the reports filed by a particular committee meet the threshold requirements for substantial compliance with the Act.

The Committee registered with the Comptroller General of the United States on May 18, 1972 and maintains its headquarters in Salinas, California. The audit covered the period from January 1, 1981 through December 31, 1982. The Committee reported an opening cash balance January 1, 1981 of \$2,440.43; total receipts for the period of \$64,237.72; total disbursements for the period of \$66,998.23; and a closing cash balance on December 31, 1982 of \$(320.08).

B. Key Personnel

The Treasurers of the Committee during the period of audit were Mr. Louis B. Frizzel from January 1, 1981 through November 4, 1982 and Mr. John K. Hemmer from November 4, 1982 through December 31, 1982.

C. Scope

The audit included a review of the solicitation materials, disbursements and individual transactions; review of required supporting documentation; analysis of Committee debts and obligations; and such other audit procedures as deemed necessary under the circumstances.

II. Audit Finding and Recommendation

It is the opinion of the Audit staff, based upon examination of the reports and statements filed and the records presented, that the Monterey County Republican Central Committee is not a political committee as defined by Section 431(4)(C) of Title 2 of the United States Code and therefore not subject to the reporting requirements of the Act.^{1/} This opinion is based on the fact that the Committee had no receipts or expenditures in connection with Federal elections during the period audited.

^{1/} On January 18, 1984, the Committee filed a termination report with the Commission.

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