



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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MEMORANDUM

TO: FRED EILAND
PRESS OFFICE

THROUGH: BOB COSTA *[Signature]*

FROM: JUDY HAWKINS *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: PUBLIC ISSUANCE OF AUDIT REPORT -
NATIONAL BLACK REPUBLICAN COUNCIL

Attached please find a copy of the final audit report of the National Black Republican Council which was approved by the Commission on November 28, 1979.

All informational copies have been received by all parties involved and this report may be released to the public.

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REPORT OF THE AUDIT DIVISION
ON THE
NATIONAL BLACK REPUBLICAN COUNCIL

I. Background

A. Overview

This report is based on an audit of the National Black Republican Council ("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 on April 13, 1976. On October 12, 1976 the Committee amended its statement of organization to identify itself as an affiliate of the Republican National Committee (RNC). The Committee maintains its headquarters in Washington, D.C. The audit covered the period from January 1, 1976, through December 31, 1978.

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.

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B. Key Personnel

The principal officers during the period audited were Dr. Henry C. Lucas, Chairman and Mr. Edward Bivens, Jr., Treasurer, for the period January 1, 1976 through October 12, 1976; Mr. James C. Cummings, Jr., Chairman, and Mr. Hamilton Talbert, Treasurer, for the period October 12, 1976 through December 31, 1978.

C. Scope

The audit included a review of the solicitation material, 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. Auditor's Statement

It is the opinion of the Audit staff, based upon examination of the reports and statements filed and the records presented, that the National Black Republican Council is not a political committee as defined by Section 431(d) of Title 2 of the United States Code and therefore, not subject to the reporting requirements of the Act.

It is based on the fact that the Committee did not receive contributions or make expenditures in an amount exceeding \$1,000 for the purpose of influencing Federal elections during any of the calendar years audited. The Committee came into existence under the advice of the Republican National Committee, which recommended that all of their affiliates report to the Federal Election Commission regardless of their support of Federal candidates.

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