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MEMORANDUM

TO: FRED EILAND
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THROUGH: BOB COSTA *RJC*

FROM: JUDY HAWKINS *JH*

SUBJECT: PUBLIC ISSUANCE OF AUDIT REPORT -
NATIONAL REPUBLICAN HERITAGE GROUPS
COUNCIL CONVENTION 1976

Attached please find a copy of the final audit report of the National Republican Heritage Groups Council Convention 1976 which was approved by the Commission on January 24, 1980.

Informational copies of the report have been received by all parties involved and the report may be released to the public.

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REPORT OF THE AUDIT DIVISION
ON THE
NATIONAL REPUBLICAN HERITAGE GROUPS
COUNCIL CONVENTION 1976

I. Background

A. Overview

This report is based on an audit of the National Republican Heritage Groups Council Convention 1976 ("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 filed its initial report with the Federal Election Commission on July 12, 1976. ^{1/} The Committee maintained its headquarters in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The audit covered the period January 1, 1976, the inception date of the Committee, through June 30, 1976, the termination date of the Committee.

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.

^{1/} The Committee did not file a statement of organization.

B. Key Personnel

The principal officers of the Committee were Walter Darmopray and Nicholas Zoto, Co-Chairmen, and Anthony Novasitis, 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. Finding and Recommendation

Based upon examination of the reports and statements filed and the records presented, the National Republican Heritage Groups Council Convention 1976 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. This opinion is based on the fact that the Committee had no receipts or expenditures in connection with Federal elections during the period audited.

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