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#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

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PRESS OFFICE

THROUGH:

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FROM:

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SUBJECT:

PUBLIC ISSUANCE OF AUDIT REPORT -

REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE OF DELAWARE

Attached please find a copy of the final audit report for the Republican State Committee of Delaware which was approved by the Commission on March 28, 1979.

As of this date, April 10, 1979, all information copies of the report 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
REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE OF DELAWARE

### I. Background

#### A. Overview

This report is based upon an audit of the Republican State Committee of Delaware ("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 September 9, 1975 as a state committee of the Republican Party and filed a termination report on February 24, 1977 because the Committee took no active part in the campaigns for Federal office in 1976. However, the Committee re-registered on February 3, 1978 because of an arrangement between the Committee and the Republican National Committee (RNC) in which the RNC was to pay the salary of an organizational director who worked at the headquarters of the Committee located in Wilmington, Delaware. The audit covered the period January 1, 1976 through June 30, 1978 the date of the latest report filed by the Committee at the time of the audit.

This report is based on documents and working papers supporting each of its 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 for the period covered by the audit were Mr. Herman C. Brown, Chairman, and Mr. Paul T. Hart, Treasurer for the period January 1, 1976 to February 24, 1977, the date of the original termination report of the Committee, and Mr. Jerome O. Herlihy, Chairman and Mr. Cyric W. Cain, Jr., Treasurer for the period April 1, 1977 to the present.

#### C. Scope

The audit included such tests as the verification of total reported receipts and expenditures 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. Auditor's Statement

It is the opinion of the Audit staff, based upon the examination of the reports and statements filed and the records presented, that the Republican State Committee of Delaware is not a political committee as defined by the Act and is not subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

This opinion is based on the fact that the Committee has not supported Federal candidates to an extent which requires a committee to register and commence filing disclosure reports with the Commission.

