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MEMORANDUM

TO: SHARON SNYDER  
PRESS OFFICE

THROUGH: BOB COSTA *BC*

FROM: JUDY HAWKINS

SUBJECT: PUBLIC ISSUANCE OF AUDIT REPORT -  
STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF PENNSYLVANIA/  
VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE COMMITTEE

Attached please find a copy of the final audit report of the State Democratic Party of Pennsylvania/Voter Registration Drive Committee which was approved by the Commission on December 5, 1978.

As of this date, December 21, 1978, all informational copies of the report have been received by all parties involved and this report may be released to the public as of today.

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### REPORT OF THE AUDIT DIVISION ON THE STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF PENNSYLVANIA/ VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE COMMITTEE

#### I. Background

##### A. Overview

This report covers an audit of the State Democratic Party of Pennsylvania/Voter Registration Drive Committee ("the Committee"), undertaken by the Audit staff to determine whether there has been compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act, as amended, ("the Act").

The audit was conducted pursuant to Section 438(a)(2) of Title 2, 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 as a multicandidate committee and voter registration drive effort on August 13, 1976. The Committee maintained its headquarters in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

The audit covered the period from June 30, 1976, the initial coverage date of the Committee's first report, to December 1, 1977, the final coverage date of the Committee's termination report. During this period, the Committee reported an opening cash balance of \$ -0-, total receipts of \$87,196.71, total expenditures of \$79,078.38, and a closing cash balance of \$8,118.33.

This audit 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 this report, and were available to Commissioners and appropriate staff for review.



B. Key Personnel

The principal officers of the Committee during the period of the audit were Mr. Jerry Tucche, Chairman, and Mr. Dennis E. Thiemann. Treasurer.

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 and Description of Findings

It is the opinion of the Audit staff, based upon examination of the reports and statements filed and the records presented, that except for the deficiency noted below, the reports and statements of the State Democratic Party of Pennsylvania/Voter Registration Drive Committee fairly present the financial activities of the Committee for the period covered by the audit. Further, except as noted below, no material problems in complying with the Federal Election Campaign Act were discovered during the course of the audit.

A. Supporting Documentation for Expenditures

Section 432(d) of Title 2, United States Code states, in part, that it shall be the duty of the treasurer to obtain and keep a receipted bill, stating the particulars, for every expenditure made by or on behalf of a political committee in excess of \$100 in amount, and for any such expenditure in a lesser amount, if the aggregate amount of such expenditure to the same person during a calendar year exceeds \$100.

Section 102.9(c)(4) of the Commission's Regulations states, in part, that when a receipted bill is not available, the treasurer may keep the cancelled check(s) showing payment(s) of the bill; and the bill, invoice or other contemporaneous memorandum of the transaction supplied to the committee by the payee containing the identification of the payee, and the amount, date, and particulars of the expenditure(s).

A review of the Committee's expenditure records revealed that the Committee did not retain supporting documentation for 14 expenditures totaling \$5,309.23. This represents 11.57% of the total number and 6.71% of the total dollar value of all expenditures made by the Committee.

These 14 expenditures are comprised of 12 advances to county representatives for "get out the vote" purposes and two (2) for other purposes. The 12 get out the vote expenditures total \$4,670.00. In an effort to secure this documentation from the county representatives, the Committee mailed a letter to each representative with the advance, which requested that the receipt of the advance be acknowledged by signing the bottom of the letter and returning it. Also, included in this letter was a request for a further communication in which the representative was to identify directly in what manner these funds were used. Further, the letter specifies that these funds were to be used for "getting out the vote on election day" only, and included examples of bonafide expenditures.

The Committee received only one (1) response from this effort and made a further attempt by telephone to obtain this documentation. This second attempt resulted in no additional response.

#### Recommendation

It is the opinion of the Audit staff that the Committee has demonstrated its best efforts to secure the necessary documentation. Therefore, the Audit staff recommends that no additional action in this matter is necessary.

