



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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REPORT OF THE AUDIT DIVISION ON THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEMOCRATIC STATE COMMITTEE AND DEMOCRATIC STATE COMMITTEE-GET-OUT-THE-VOTE

I. Background

A. Overview

This report is based on an audit of the New Hampshire Democratic State Committee and Democratic State Committee-Get-Out-The-Vote ("the Committee(s)"), 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 New Hampshire Democratic State Committee registered with the Secretary of the United States Senate on October 18, 1974 as the State Committee of the Democratic Party of New Hampshire. The Democratic State Committee-Get-Out-The-Vote registered with the Federal Election Commission September 8, 1975 as an affiliate of the New Hampshire Democratic State Committee. The Committees maintained their headquarters in Manchester, New Hampshire. 1/

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/ Although separate statements of organization were filed by the above Committees, we determined that only one Committee actually existed.



B. Key Personnel

The principal officers of the Committees during the period audited were:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>
New Hampshire Democratic State Committee	Mr. David A. LaRoche	Mr. Everett B. Feldblum through May 17, 1976
		Mr. Clifford J. Ross May 17, 1976 through March 31, 1977
Democratic State Committee-Get-Out- The-Vote	Mr. Laurence Radway	Ms. Kathy J. Duval April 1, 1977 through June 28, 1977
		Mr. George McClellan through April 1, 1977
		Ms. Kathy J. Duval April 1, 1977 through June 28, 1977

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. 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 New Hampshire Democratic State Committee and the Democratic State Committee-Get-Out-The-Vote were not political committees as defined by Section 431(d) of Title 2 of the United States Code.

This opinion is based on the fact that the Committees neither supported nor anticipated supporting candidates for Federal elections. According to the Committee officials, the expenditures were for operating expenses by the Committee for state purposes.

Although the Committees filed disclosure reports with the Commission during the period covered by the audit until they terminated on July 1, 1977, it appears that the Committees did not qualify as political committees and were therefore not required to register or to file reports with the Commission.

Recommendation

Since the Committees did not qualify as political committees and have filed termination reports, we recommend no action be taken.

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