



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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REPORT OF THE AUDIT DIVISION ON THE NEW HAMPSHIRE REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE AND NEW HAMPSHIRE REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE/FEDERAL ACCOUNT

I. Background

A. Overview

This report is based on an audit of the New Hampshire Republican State Committee and New Hampshire Republican Committee/Federal Account ("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 Republican State Committee registered with the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives on April 19, 1972. The New Hampshire Republican Committee/Federal Account registered with the Federal Election Commission on April 4, 1977 as an affiliate of the New Hampshire Republican State Committee. The Committees maintain their headquarters in Concord, New Hampshire.

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 of the Committees during the period audited were:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>
New Hampshire Republican State Committee	Mr. Gerald P. Carmen	Ms. M. Sheila Roberge through 7/7/76 Mr. E. Richard Young fall of 1977 through the present
New Hampshire Republican Committee/ Federal Account	Mr. Gerald P. Carmen	Ms. Alice Pinkham

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 Republican State Committee and the New Hampshire Republican Committee/Federal Account are not political committees as defined by Section 431(d) of Title 2 of the United States Code and are not subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

This opinion is based on the fact that the Committees did not support candidates in connection with Federal elections during the period audited. The New Hampshire Republican State Committee exists to support candidates for election to state and local office. The New Hampshire Republican Committee/Federal Account exists to receive transfers from the Republican National Committee which are used to pay the salary of the Executive Director of the New Hampshire Republican State Committee.

The Committees registered with the Commission based upon the belief that they were required to do so. The Committees intend to continue filing reports because they may support candidates for Federal election in the future as money becomes available.

Recommendation

Since the Committees do not qualify as political committees, we recommend no action be taken.

