



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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REPORT OF THE AUDIT DIVISION ON THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE DEMOCRATIC TELETHON COMMITTEE

I. Background

A. Overview

This report is based on an audit of the West Virginia State Democratic Telethon Committee ("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 United States House of Representatives on July 8, 1974 as an affiliate of the West Virginia State Democratic Executive Committee. The Committee maintains its headquarters in Charleston, West Virginia. The audit covered the period January 1, 1976 through November 17, 1978.

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.

B. Key Personnel

The principal officers during the period audited were Mr. J. C. Dillon, Jr., Chairman and Mr. Robert J. Burke, Treasurer.





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March 27, 1979

MEMORANDUM

TO: FRED EILAND
PRESS OFFICE

THROUGH: BOB COSTA *RJC*

FROM: JUDY HAWKINS *JH*

SUBJECT: PUBLIC ISSUANCE OF AUDIT REPORT -
WEST VIRGINIA STATE DEMOCRATIC
TELETHON COMMITTEE

Attached please find a copy of the final audit report for the West Virginia State Democratic Telethon Committee which was approved by the Commission on March 8, 1979.

As of this date, March 27, 1979, all informational copies of the report have been received by all parties involved and this report may be released to the public.

cc: FEC Library
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Public Record



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 West Virginia State Democratic Telethon Committee 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 jurisdiction of the Commission.

This opinion is based on the fact that the Committee had no receipts or expenditures in connection with Federal elections during the period audited. The Committee came into existence to operate within West Virginia in conjunction with the Democratic National Telethon III Committee and remained in existence without requesting a waiver of reporting because of the possibility of supporting Federal candidates in the future. The Committee is receptive to being terminated as a political committee.

Recommendation

Based upon the information presented in this report, the Audit staff recommends that the Committee be administratively terminated by the Commission and informed of the termination.



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