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MEMORANDUM

TO: FRED EILAND  
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THROUGH: BOB COSTA *AKC*

FROM: JUDY HAWKINS

SUBJECT: PUBLIC ISSUANCE OF AUDIT REPORT -  
OHIO REPUBLICAN FINANCE COMMITTEE

Attached please find a copy of the final audit report of the Ohio Republican Finance Committee which was approved by the Commission on April 20, 1979.

As of this date, May 7, 1979, all informational 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 OHIO REPUBLICAN FINANCE COMMITTEE

#### I. Background

##### A. Overview

This report is based on an audit of the Ohio Republican Finance 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 January 10, 1974 as an affiliate of the Ohio Republican State Central and Executive Committee. The Committee maintains its headquarters in Columbus, Ohio.

The audit covered the period January 1, 1976 through October 23, 1978, the final coverage date of the most recent report filed by the Committee at the time of the audit. The Committee reported an opening cash balance on January 1, 1976 of \$122,761.72, total receipts for the period of \$4,674,949.11, total expenditures for the period of \$4,631,449.65, and a closing cash balance on October 23, 1978 of \$166,273.68. <sup>1/</sup>

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<sup>1/</sup> The closing cash balance was overstated \$12.50 because of minor discrepancies in reported balances.



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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 of the Committee during the period audited were Mr. David S. Ingalls, Jr., Chairman, and Mr. Charles E. Shanklin, Treasurer.

C. Scope

The audit included such tests as verification of total reported receipts, 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 deficiencies noted below, the reports and statements of the Ohio Republican Finance 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. Receipt of Excessive Contribution

Section 441a(a)(1) of Title 2 of the United States Code states, in part, that no person shall make contributions to any political committee in any calendar year which, in the aggregate, exceed \$5,000, except that:

(a) contributions to any candidate and his authorized political committees with respect to any election for Federal office shall, in the aggregate, not exceed \$1,000; or

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(b) contributions to political committees established and maintained by a national political party, which are not the authorized political committees of any candidate, in any calendar year shall, in the aggregate, not exceed \$20,000.

Section 441a(f) of Title 2 of the United States Code states, in part, that no officer or employee of a political committee shall knowingly accept a contribution in violation of any limitation imposed on contributions under this section.

It was determined that the Committee accepted and retained contributions from one (1) individual during a calendar year which, in the aggregate, totaled \$6,000. The contributions were made subsequent to the May 11, 1976 effective date of the statutory limitations with respect to such contributions.

The Committee officials were unaware of the excessive contribution.

Recommendation

Based upon the Audit staff's recommendation, the Committee refunded to the contributor the excessive portion (\$1,000) of the contribution on March 30, 1979 and presented the Audit staff a copy of the certified check as evidence of the refund. Therefore, no further action is recommended on the matter.

B. Disclosure of Campaign Depository

Section 433(b)(9) of Title 2 of the United States Code requires a political committee to include within its statement of organization a listing of all banks or other repositories used.

Section 433(c) of Title 2 of the United States Code states that any change in information previously submitted in a statement of organization shall be reported to the Commission within a 10-day period following the change.

A review of the Committee's records revealed that a campaign depository opened by the Committee on August 31, 1978 had not been disclosed to the Commission. However, all receipts and expenditures attributable to the depository were properly disclosed by the Committee.

The Committee officials were unaware that the depository had not been disclosed.

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Recommendation

Based upon the Audit staff's recommendation, the Committee filed a statement of organization amendment on April 4, 1979 disclosing the campaign depository. Therefore, no further action is recommended on the matter.

C. Other Matters

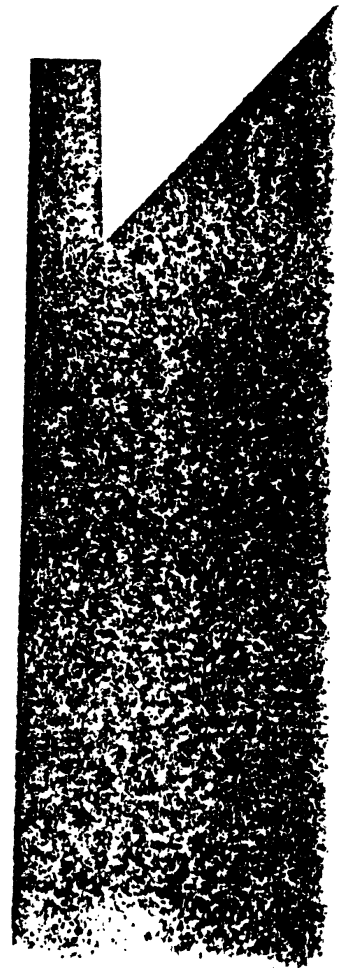
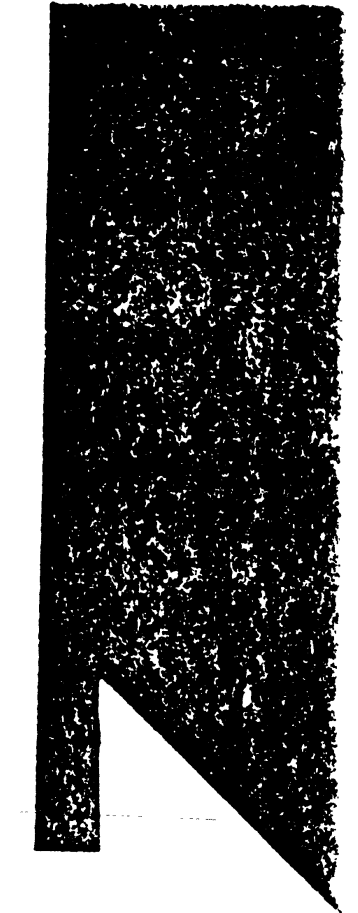
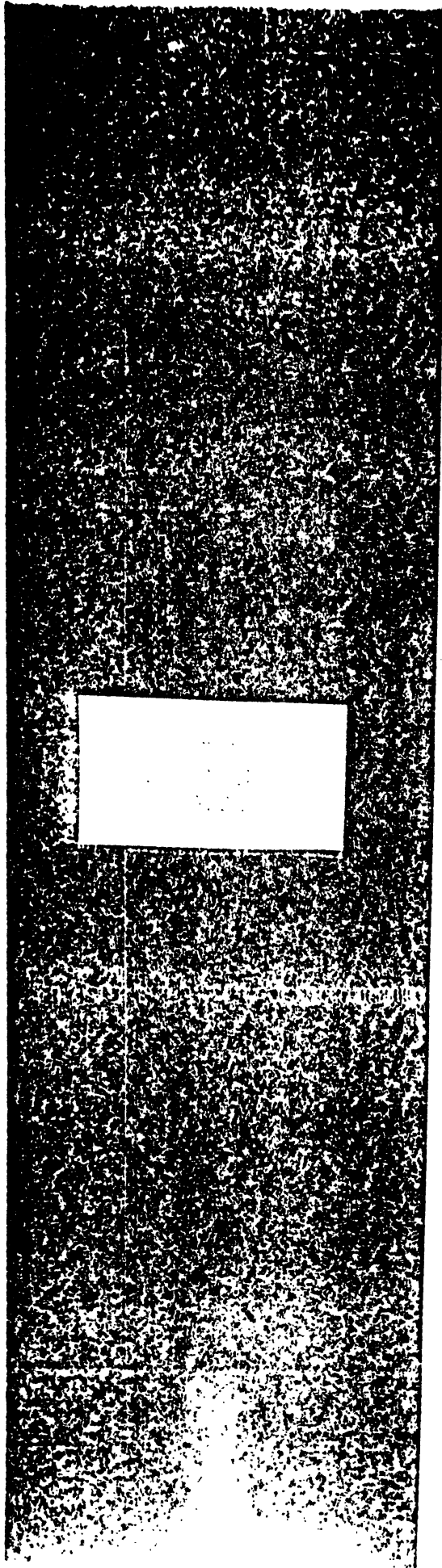
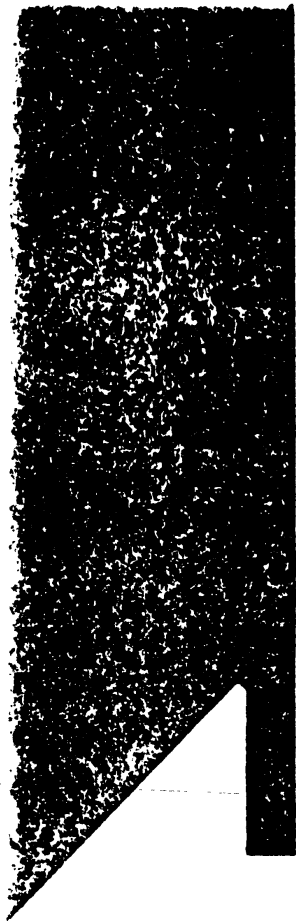
Presented below are other matters noted during the audit for which the Audit staff feels no action is warranted. The Committee officials have been advised of the matters and informed of the respective requirements of the Act.

(1) A system for recording pledges and disclosing them as debts owed to the Committee was not adequately maintained. The pledge records were not updated on a regular basis, and the pledges were automatically deleted from the debt schedules at the end of each year.

(2) A Schedule D disclosing \$12,720.00 proceeds from a fundraising event was not filed. However, the event and proceeds were reported on the summary page of the disclosure report covering the quarter during which the event was held. Further, the receipts were adequately disclosed as contributions.

(3) Contributions not requiring itemization, received after March 31, 1978 were included on the same schedule as those requiring itemization, rather than on a separate schedule as required by Section 104.2(b)(3)(ii) of Title 11 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

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