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Committee for the Re-election of the President

MEMORANDUM

November 10, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: DAVID WILSON
FROM: JOSEPH J. ADAMS
SUBJECT: Statement of Expenses

Per our conversation I have attached the Form of Statement of Expenses for Oklahoma.

94-1473. (10819) Form of statement of expenses. The statement of expenses required from candidates and others by this act shall be in substantially the following form:

State of Montana, County of....., ss.

I,, having been a candidate (or expended money) at the election for the (state) (district) (county) (city) of, on the day of, A. D. 19....., being first duly sworn, on oath do say: That I have carefully examined and read the return of my election expenses and receipts hereto attached; and to the best of my knowledge and belief that return is full, correct, and true.

And I further state on oath that, except as appears from this return, I have not, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, no person, nor any club, society, or association has on my behalf, whether authorized by me or not, made any payment, or given, promised, or offered any reward, office, employment, or position, public or private, or valuable consideration, or incurred any liability on account of or in respect of the conduct or management of the said nomination or election.

And I further state on oath that, except as specified in this return, I have not paid any money, security, or equivalent for money, nor has any money or equivalent for money, to my knowledge or belief, been paid, advanced, given, or deposited by any one to or in the hands of myself or any other person for my nomination or election, or for the purpose of paying any expenses incurred on my behalf on account or in respect of the conduct or management of the said election.

And I further state on oath that I will not, except so far as I may be permitted by law, at any future time make or be a party to the making or giving of any payment, reward, office, position, or employment, or valuable consideration, for the purpose of defraying any such expenses or obligations as herein mentioned for or on account of my nomination or election, or provide or be a party to the providing of any money, security, or equivalent for money for the purpose of defraying any such expense.

(Signature of affiant).....

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the above-named....., on the day of....., A. D. 19.....

Attached to said affidavit shall be a full and complete account of the receipts, contributions, and expenses of said affiant, and of his supporters of which he has knowledge, with numbered vouchers for all sums and payments for which vouchers are required as to all money expended by affiant. The affidavit and account of the treasurer of any committee or any political party or organization shall be, as nearly as may be, in the same form, and so also shall be the affidavit of any person who has received or expended money in excess of the sum of fifty dollars to aid in securing the nomination or election or defeat of any candidate, or of any political party or organization, or of any measure before the people.

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RE: Election Laws

Dear David:

With respect to the laws of the five states you asked me to review, I am of the opinion that there is no requirement for the President to personally file a statement of contributions and expenses. The results of my research are as follows:

Arkansas. While candidates are required to file verified sworn accounts 60 days after the election, the Presidential Electors are the candidates, not the President [Arkansas State Statutes §3-207].

Connecticut. Here again, we find the requirement that candidates who have incurred personal expenses must file a statement with the Secretary of State, and, here again, the Presidential Electors are the candidates, not the President [Conn. Election Laws, Rev. 1971, §9-348a].

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Hawaii. I was unable to locate anything more recent than the 1971 laws relating to elections, whereas apparently a more recent revision has occurred. The 1971 laws impose the requirement of a report upon candidates for state offices only. [Hawaii, 1971, Title 12, Section 12-122].

Mississippi. The reporting requirements relate only to candidates for state offices. [Mississippi Code, 1971 Supp. §§3179, 3181].

Oklahoma. The Act, by definition, does not apply to candidates for President [Oklahoma Stat. Anno., 1967 Supp., §413].

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As I mentioned to you on the phone, I am pleased to have been of some assistance. I want to emphasize my continued willingness to provide further assistance should the need arise.

Very truly yours,



Roger D. Middlekauff

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