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Fund Violations Laid To Sanford Campaign

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The General Accounting Office said yesterday it has referred to the attorney general a report on apparent violations by the committee which supported the presidential candidacy of former North Carolina Gov. Terry Sanford.

The report covered the period from April 7, 1972, through August 1972, when the Sanford Carolina Campaign Committee ended its activities.

The report said the GAO audit "revealed that the committee had over-reported both receipts and expenditures by large sums." It said the errors apparently involved the committee treasurer, Guilford T.

Waddell III, "knowingly and willfully making false, fictitious or fraudulent statements."

"Our audit of the books and records maintained by the committee treasurer disclosed numerous examples of incomplete, erroneous, or altered records," the report said.

The errors cited by GAO included reporting contributions and expenditures not supported by any records, failing to itemize receipts over \$100 in some cases, double reporting of expenditures and failing to itemize more than \$19,000 in expenditures of over \$100 each.

The congressional watchdog expenditures itemized on the expenditures itemized on the committee's termination report were "estimated and that three expenditures totalling \$875 listed on that report were completely fictitious."

The report said the committee treasurer "acknowledged he had made up the three fictitious expenditures to balance receipts and expenditures and bring the cash balance to zero in the final report."