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FEC FINANCIAL DATA

TO BE MADE AVAILABLE

WASHINGTON - SEPTEMBER 23 - The Federal Election Commission this evening stated it would provide Presidential candidate fund-raising data to help the special Treasury Department Advisory Committee make its decision on Secret Service protection for major candidates.

Commission Chairman Thomas B. Curtis, after this evening's discussion, said, "While the FEC will not be able to complete the official certification of Presidential candidates eligible for Federal matching funds for a number of weeks, we will provide any and all campaign finance data to assist the Advisory Committee in making its determination as to which candidates should receive Secret Service protection."

Curtis said, "The Commission has not certified any Presidential candidates to date as eligible for Presidential primary matching funds. However, in August, the FEC listed Presidential candidates that had raised substantial funds to merit a preliminary FEC audit of their books, including Bentsen, Carter, Ford, Harris, Jackson, Sanford, Udall, and Wallace," he said. "We will turn over this data to the Advisory Committee, and any additional data filed with the Commission by these and other candidates subsequent to the preparation of this initial primary matching fund audit schedule. Furthermore, the Commission will update this financial information immediately after it receives the next candidate financial reports on October 10," Curtis said.