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MATCHING FUND CERTIFICATIONS  
FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

WASHINGTON - May 21 - The Federal Election Commission today certified \$3,209,783.31 in federal primary matching funds for 9 Presidential candidates, and \$1 million in Presidential nominating convention payments to the Democratic and Republican National Committees.

This raises to \$15,828,024.19 the total amount of primary matching funds certified this year by the FEC for 14 presidential candidates, and to \$2,610,000.00 the total for the two major political party conventions.

Today's certifications were the first the FEC has made since March 22, 1976, when the U.S. Supreme Court order in Buckley v. Valeo barring such certifications went into effect. The court had ruled that since all the Commissioners appointed under the 1974 campaign finance act had not been appointed by the President and confirmed only by the Senate, they could exercise legislative functions, and not any executive functions, such as public financing certifications.

Today, prior to the certifications, a new Commission was sworn-in, with the Commissioners appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate under the new 1976 amendments to the campaign finance act.

The following is a break-down by candidate and party for today's certifications, and cumulative totals.

CANDIDATE	CERTIFICATIONS TODAY	CUMULATIVE CERTIFICATIONS (including today's)
Birch Bayh.....	\$ X	\$ 438,506.35
Lloyd Bentsen.....	\$ X	\$ 511,022.61
James Carter.....	\$ 437,428.71	\$1,515,896.46
Frank Church.....	\$ 120,971.76	\$ 352,352.54
Gerald Ford.....	\$1,330,786.37	\$3,283,402.05
Fred Harris.....	\$ 120,524.07	\$ 613,802.57
Henry Jackson.....	\$ 316,676.47	\$1,876,313.65
Ellen McCormack.....	\$ 42,619.78	\$ 211,663.68
Ronald Reagan.....	\$ 509,217.15	\$2,188,341.34
Terry Sanford.....	\$ X	\$ 245,388.32
MILLON SHAPP.....	\$ 19,301.20	\$ 297,311.80
Sargent Shriver.....	\$ X	\$ 264,582.74
Morris Udall.....	\$ 312,257.80	\$1,243,244.05
George Wallace.....	\$ X	\$2,785,196.03
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DNC.....	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 1,360,000.00
RNC.....	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 1,250,000.00