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FEC RELEASES INDEX OF INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES

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WASHINGTON - OCTOBER 18 - An index released by the Federal Election Commission today reveals that nearly \$1.2 million has been spent as "independent expenditures" for or against 58 federal candidates in the 1976 elections.

The 12-page index, itemizing "independent expenditures" by candidate, was compiled by the FEC from reports filed with it through September. This preliminary index does not include the October 10 quarterly report.

The index shows that 310 separate individuals, political committees, or other groups of individuals reported making \$1,168,753 in independent expenditures and \$33,007 in independent contributions. Seventy-one percent (71%) or \$847,393, of the independent expenditures and contributions reported exceeded \$10,000.

"Independent expenditures", which are expenditures "expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate" may not be made in cooperation with a candidate, and are reported separately by the expending person.

Details from the report include the following:

The individuals, groups and political committees making the greatest independent expenditures and contributions are:

PERSON	CANDIDATE	TOTAL
1. American Conservative Union	Ronald Reagan	\$172,309
2. Henry C. (Hank) Grover	Ronald Reagan	63,000
3. Friends for Reagan Committee	Ronald Reagan	60,051
4. Humphrey for President Committee	Hubert Humphrey	\$47,281
5. Texas Friends of Ronald Reagan	Ronald Reagan	47,224
6. Edward R. Downe	Jerry Litton and Frank Church	38,818
7. Friends of the First Family	Gerald Ford	33,410
8. Joseph Coors	Ronald Reagan	32,764
9. Labor for Jackson	Henry Jackson	32,500
10. Sheetmetal Workers' International Association PAL	Henry Jackson	28,460
11. Citizens Against Tydings	Joseph Tydings*(in opposition to)	25,421
12. Young America's Campaign Committee	Ronald Reagan	25,156
13. Delegates for Reagan Committee, Fort Worth, Texas	Ronald Reagan	22,353
14. Ronald Reagan Delegate Committee, Dallas, Texas	Ronald Reagan	21,229
15. Bentsen in the 16th Committee	Lloyd Bentsen	21,164
16. Labor for Bayh Committee	Birch Bayh	20,730

Those candidates on whose behalf there have been the greatest amount of independent expenditure activity are:

CANDIDATE	INDEPENDENT CONTRIBUTION	INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE	TOTAL
1. Ronald Reagan	\$20,862	\$ 573,434	\$ 594,296
2. Gerald Ford	1,200	141,214	142,414
3. Henry M. Jackson		66,821	66,821
4. Hubert H. Humphrey		63,997	63,997
5. Lloyd Bentsen		47,224	47,224
6. Jerry Litton		26,821	26,821
7. Frank Church		26,056	26,056
8. Joseph Tydings*(in opposition to)		25,421*	25,421*
9. Jimmy Carter		23,937	23,937
10. Birch Bayh		23,014	23,014