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FEC ANNOUNCES HEARING FOR UDALL TO CHALLENGE REPAYMENT FINDINGS

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has granted a request by Representative Morris K. Udall (D-AZ), and his 1976 presidential campaign committee for a public hearing to appeal an earlier Commission ruling requiring repayment of federal matching funds to the U.S. Treasury. The hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, November 6, 1979.

In June of this year, the FEC's audit of the Udall 1976 campaign was released. The findings of that audit concluded that Udall should repay \$74,135.69, which the Commission had determined to be "unqualified campaign expenses." The Commission subsequently accepted additional documentation from the Udall campaign, reducing the repayment to \$62,449.22.

Under FEC regulations governing the 1976 presidential primary matching fund period, candidates may request a hearing where they may "make a showing of where the Commission erred in its determination requiring repayment." Based on the hearing, the Commission may either reaffirm or modify its original determination.

The hearing will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the 5th floor Commission meeting room, 1325 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.