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THIRD PARTY CANDIDATE TO RECEIVE FEDERAL FUNDS

WASHINGTON -- Sonia Johnson has become the first third party candidate to receive federal matching funds, based on action taken today by the Federal Election Commission. Ms. Johnson filed her request for federal funds on June 7th, as a candidate seeking the nomination of the Citizens Party, the California Peace and Freedom Party, and various independent parties.

The FEC formally certified \$140,186.14 to the Johnson campaign, making Johnson the 11th Presidential candidate to be officially declared eligible for federal matching funds in the 1984 presidential primary season.

The FEC's action today came after a thorough review by FEC staff to determine that Johnson's campaign met the \$100,000 threshold criteria - raising at least \$5,000 in 20 different states, in amounts of no more than \$250 from any one individual contributor.

Johnson may submit a request for additional funds on August 6th.

Today's action by the Commission raises the total amount of federal funds certified thus far to \$31,974,505.97 for 1984 Presidential primary candidates. The two major political parties have also received a total of \$16,160,000 (\$8,080,000 each) for their nominating conventions.

The following listing shows the amount of matching funds received by each candidate to date:

CANDIDATE	CERTIFICATION TODAY	CUMULATIVE CERTIFICATIONS (including today's)
Reubin Askew (D).....	\$ X	..... \$ 915,904.71
Alan Cranston (D).....	\$ X	..... \$ 1,812,099.88
John Glenn (D).....	\$ X	..... \$ 3,026,493.50
Gary Hart (D).....	\$ X	..... \$ 4,474,808.38
Ernest F. Hollings (D)....	\$ X	..... \$ 821,599.85
Jesse Jackson (D).....	\$ X	..... \$ 2,095,113.84
Sonia Johnson (C).....	\$ 140,186.14	..... \$ 140,186.14
Lyndon H. LaRouche (D)....	\$ X	..... \$ 467,028.31
George McGovern (D).....	\$ X	..... \$ 553,377.70
Walter F. Mondale (D)....	\$ X	..... \$ 7,567,893.66
Ronald Reagan (R).....	\$ X	..... \$10,100,000.00