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FEC PUBLISHES 1984 PRESIDENTIAL NON-FILERS

WASHINGTON — The Federal Election Commission today cited the campaign committees of two 1984 Presidential candidates for failing to file the required October monthly financial disclosure reports, covering activity for the month of September.

The following lists the name of each committee which failed to file:

Ben Fernandez for President Committee
Gerald Willis for U.S. President

The reports were to have been filed October 20, and would have detailed the financial activity for September, as well as summary figures for the campaign-to-date.

On October 26, each committee was notified by mailgram that the FEC had not yet received their October monthly reports. The campaigns had four business days to respond from their receipt of those notices. Failure to file by close of business yesterday, November 1, resulted in this publication.

The election law requires all Presidential campaigns which have had financial activity in excess of \$100,000 to file monthly reports on the 20th of each month. Notification of the 1984 reporting requirements was sent to Presidential campaigns on January 25.

Further Commission action against non-filers will be decided on a case-by-case basis. The election law gives the Commission broad authority to initiate enforcement actions, including civil court enforcement and imposition of civil penalties (\$5,000 for "any violation" and \$10,000 for any "knowing and willful" violation) for infractions of the law, including failure to file required disclosure reports.

The next reports for Presidential campaigns (those involved in the general election) will be the pre- and post-general election reports - filed October 25 and December 6, respectively. The pre-general election reports will cover activity from October 1 through October 17, 1984. Post-general election reports cover activity from October 18 through November 26, 1984. The year-end report for activity through December 31, 1984, will be due January 31, 1985.