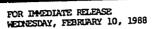
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## FEC APPROVES MATCHING FUNDS FOR 1988 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

WASHINGTON — The Federal Election Commission today certified \$1,825,281.81 in Federal Matching Funds to twelve 1988 Presidential candidates.

This raises to \$39,353,104.20 the total amount of federal funds certified thus far to fourteen Presidential candidates eligible to receive federal primary matching funds. During the entire '84 pre-convention period, the Commission certified a total of \$36,519,404.83 to eleven cardidates.

The following chart lists the amount certified to each candidate, along with the cumulative amount each has received to date:

CANDIDATE	CERTIFICATION TODAY	(including today's)
	s 89,592.33	\$ 870,133.58
Bruce Babbitt (D)		c c c12 220 74
George Bush (R)	\$ 237,348.19	a = 000 400 00
Robert J. Dole (R)		•••
Michael S. Dukakis (D		\$ 4,776,085.68
		\$ 2,300,502.23
Pete du Pont (R)		\$ 262,676.23
Lenora B. Fulani (IND	,,	c 2 020 215 86
Richard Gephardt (D).	\$ 56,085.85	0 1 052 100 07
Albert Gore, Jr. (D).	\$ 101,146.04	
Alexander Haig (R)		\$ 439,384.65
		\$ 1,116,881.99
Gary Hart (D)		c col 028 63
Jesse Jackson (D)		0 0 000 017 66
Jack Kemp (R)	\$ 14,967.92	- c roc 447 70
M.G. "Pat" Robertson		
Paul Simon (D)		\$ 1,876,016.71

To be eligible to receive Federal Matching Funds, a candidate must first raise \$100,000 in contributions from individuals: \$5,000-plus in 20 different states, in amounts of no more than \$250 from any individual contributor. Candidates must also agree to abide by spending limits, to keep certain records, and to submit those records for audit.

Candidates may submit requests for funds on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. The Commission will certify a percentage of the amount requested within one week of receiving the request. Only contributions from individuals in aggregate amounts of no more than \$250 are matchable.

In addition, the Commission has previously certified \$8,892,000\$ to the Democratic National Committee and \$8,892,000 to the Republican National Committee for a total of \$17,784,000 for the 1988 Presidential Nominating Conventions of the 2 major political parties.

