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1988 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGNS FAIL TO FILE MONTHLY REPORT

WASHINGTON — The Federal Election Commission today cited five 1988 Presidential campaign committees with failure to file the required February monthly financial disclosure report, covering activity from January 1, 1988, through January 31, 1988. They are:

Babbitt for President Committee...Ronnie Lopez, tres...Bruce Babbitt (Dem)

David Duke for President...Pauline Mackey, tres...David Duke (Dem)

Ben Fernandez for President Committee...Annie Padilla, tres...Ben Fernandez (Rep)

Haig for President...Dominic J. Saraceno, tres...Alexander Meigs Haig, Jr. (Rep)

NH Dem Campaign Cmte/Anthony Martin-Trigona...Anthony Martin-Trigona, tres & (Dem)

The report was to have been filed February 20, 1988, and would have detailed financial activity for the month of January. If sent by certified or registered mail, the report should have been postmarked by midnight February 20.

On February 26, the committees were notified by mailgram that the FEC had not yet received their February monthly report. The campaigns had four business days, from the date of the notice, to respond. Failure to file by close of business Thursday, March 3, resulted in this publication. Notification of required filings, during the 1988 calendar year, was sent to committees on December 18, 1987.

During an election year, Presidential campaign committees that anticipate raising or spending over \$100,000 are required to report on a monthly basis. Those reports are due on the 20th of each month, covering financial activity during the prior month. The next report due from Presidential committees is the March monthly report, covering the period February 1 through February 29.

Further Commission action against non-filers and late filers will be decided on a case-by-case basis. The Federal Election Campaign Act gives the Commission broad authority to initiate enforcement actions, including civil court enforcement and the 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.

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