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1988 HOUSE CAMPAIGNS FAIL TO FILE JULY QUARTERLY REPORT

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission today cited three 1988 U.S. House campaign committees with failure to file the required July Quarterly financial disclosure report, covering activity for the second three months of 1988. They are:

NY/01...MORGAN '88 US CONGRESS...SETH C. MORGAN...CRV

NY/03...COMMITTEE TO ELECT LARRY COTTFRIED...LAWRENCE ALAN COTTFRIED...REP

NY/11...FRIENDS OF RIAZ B. HUSSAIN FOR CONGRESS...RIAZ B. HUSSAIN...DEM

The report was to have been filed July 15, 1988, and would have detailed financial activity for the period April 1, 1988, or the end of the committee's last reporting period, through June 30, 1988, as well as provided summary figures for the year-to-date. If sent by certified or registered mail, the report should have been postmarked by midnight July 15.

On July 22, 1988, the committees were notified by mailgram that the FEC had not yet received their end-of-year report. The campaigns had four business days, from the date of the notice, to respond. Failure to file by close of business Thursday, July 28, resulted in this publication. Notification of the required quarterly filing was sent to committees on June 21, 1988.

For this publication, the Commission has focused attention only on those campaigns with primaries during the third quarter of 1988. The Commission publishes only the names of those committees which have been designated by candidates as their principal campaign committees. Under amendments to the Federal Election Campaign Act, effective January 8, 1980, candidates no longer are required to file personal reports of receipts and expenditures. All such information is reported by authorized committees of the candidates.

All authorized House and Senate candidate committees, and some other political committees supporting Congressional candidates (those which are not authorized units of a candidate's campaign) also were required to file April Quarterly reports. Those committees' names are not published by the FEC.

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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