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## COMMISSION ACTIVITIES CHRONICLED IN NEWEST ANNUAL REPORT

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission submitted its 20th Annual Report to Congress on June 1, chronicling activities in 1994 and documenting the "rapidly increasing demands on Commission resources brought about by record numbers of federal candidates and campaign expenditures," wrote FEC Chairman Danny McDonald in his letter accompanying the Report.

Chairman McDonald's letter to Congress continues, "Despite new Commission initiatives to handle filings, audits, and enforcement matters more efficiently, the Commission remains overwhelmed by a growing enforcement case load and by massive amounts of data flowing from record election activity.

"The current system of reporting requirements and contribution prohibitions and limitations, and the resulting audit and enforcement mechanisms required to administer these provisions, are complex. The Commission remains in urgent need of additional resources to meet those responsibilities," McDonald concluded.

A House-Senate conference committee recently approved a \$1.4 million reduction in the FEC's present (1995) operating budget of \$27.1 million, and a House committee has recommended a cut of \$1.5 million in the Commission's FY'96 request of \$29 million.

In addition to numerous charts and statistical tables depicting campaign finance and Commission operations in 1994, the Report contains legislation recommendations, summaries of legal issues, audits, advisory opinions, activities of the National Clearinghouse on Election Administration, an overview of Presidential Public Funding, and a monthly chronology of events in 1994.

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**MEDIA ADVISORY** -- Copies of the Annual Report for media are available upon request from the FEC Press Office.