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FEC DECLARES CLINTON ELIGIBLE FOR PRIMARY MATCHING FUNDS IN '96 RACE

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission today certified President Bill Clinton eligible to receive federal matching funds for the 1996 presidential primary campaign.

Clinton is the eighth candidate to achieve eligibility for public funding in '96. Phil Gramm was certified eligible to receive federal matching funds on March 20. Lamar Alexander, Patrick Buchanan and Robert Dole were certified eligible May 31. Richard Lugar and Pete Wilson were certified August 30, and Arlen Specter, on August 31.

To become eligible for matching funds, candidates must raise a threshold amount of \$100,000 by collecting \$5,000 in 20 different states in amounts no greater than \$250 from any individual. Other requirements include agreeing to an overall spending limit, abiding by spending limits in each state, using public funds only for legitimate campaign-related expenses, keeping financial records and permitting an extensive campaign audit.

A threshold submission was filed by the campaign on October 16, 1995.

Once certified eligible, campaigns may submit additional contributions for matching funds on the first business day of every month. The U.S. Treasury Department will pay the FEC-certified amounts beginning in January 1996. The maximum amount a candidate could receive is currently calculated to be \$15 million.

Listed on the reverse side of this release are the qualifying states for the candidate.

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CANDIDATE THRESHOLD SUBMISSION DATE
AND STATES REVIEWED FOR QUALIFICATION

CLINTON
10/12/95

Arizona
Arkansas
California
Colorado
Connecticut
Washington, D.C.
Florida
Georgia
Illinois
Indiana
Kansas
Louisiana
Maryland
Massachusetts
Michigan
Minnesota
New Jersey
New Mexico
New York
North Carolina
Oregon

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