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FEC RELEASES 18-MONTH REPORT ON POLITICAL PARTY FINANCES

WASHINGTON -- Disclosure reports filed with the FEC covering financial activity from January 1, 1995, through June 30, 1996, show that federal accounts of Republican national party committees raised \$180 million, spent \$162.4 million, had cash on hand of \$18.4 million, and debts totalling \$1.1 million. Democratic national party committees' federal accounts reported raising \$102.3 million, spending \$89.7 million, and having cash on hand of \$13.2 million, with debts of almost \$5 million.

The Republican totals reflect a 50% increase in receipts and a 56% increase in spending when compared with the same period in 1993-94. The Democrats, although behind in total dollars raised and spent, increased fundraising by 77% and spending by 68% over the previous cycle. Republican receipts are 51% higher than 1992, the last Presidential cycle. Democratic receipts are up 163% since 1992.

Republican state and local party committees reported federal receipts of \$64 million and spending of \$52 million. Democratic state and local party committees reported federal receipts of \$44 million, with spending of \$39 million. Some portion of the receipts by state and local party committees are transfers received from national party committees. The FEC will have additional information on these transfers at a later date.

Republican party committees contributed \$1.7 million to federal candidates and spent \$747,229 in coordinated expenditures on behalf of candidates for the first 18 months of the 1996 cycle. Democratic party committees contributed \$995,336 directly to federal candidates and spent \$1.1 million in coordinated party expenditures during the same period.

Republican nonfederal, or "soft money"*, accounts collected \$83.9 million, a 238% increase over the same period in the previous cycle, and a 142% increase over 1991-92. Democratic nonfederal accounts reported raising \$70.3 million, a 112% increase over the same period in the 1994 cycle, and a 382% increase over 1991-92.

Charts attached to this release provide summary data for the financial activities of the Republican and Democratic party committees during the first 18-months of the 1995-96 election cycle compared to the same period in five previous election cycles. Comparable data on nonfederal national party activity is available only for the 1993-94 and 1991-92 cycles. The FEC began requiring national party committees to disclose their nonfederal accounts in January 1991.

*"Soft money" describes funds raised outside the limitations and prohibitions of the Federal Election Campaign Act. Soft money must be deposited in nonfederal accounts and cannot be used in connection with federal elections. To enhance public disclosure, the FEC requires national political party committees to report the sources of receipts to all nonfederal accounts.

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National Party Financial Activity Through June 30 of the Election Year

	1995-96	1993-94	1991-92	1989-90	1987-88	1985-86
Republican National Committee						
Receipts	\$89,524,892	\$56,496,327	\$49,649,419	\$50,693,978	\$61,586,071	\$64,164,712
Individuals	\$86,051,774	\$54,806,243	\$46,300,629	\$46,535,643	\$56,817,191	\$60,978,241
Other Cmte's	\$509,990	\$373,810	\$450,886	\$457,006	\$498,190	\$267,741
Disbursements	\$89,190,344	\$47,269,001	\$44,260,647	\$48,351,940	\$51,250,134	\$55,819,076
Contributions	\$51,518	\$52,036	\$60,445	\$105,169	\$47,460	\$110,808
Coord. Expend.	\$1,084	\$149,107	\$0	\$14,321	\$0	\$0
Cash-on-Hand	\$763,790	\$6,412,835	\$4,058,666	\$4,670,112	\$11,576,782	\$10,012,354
Debts By	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
National Republican Senatorial Committee						
Receipts	\$40,650,674	\$46,827,100	\$48,167,495	\$52,090,984	\$42,307,749	\$65,811,366
Individuals	\$35,619,562	\$43,277,334	\$46,666,195	\$48,046,081	\$38,317,180	\$59,121,725
Other Cmte's	\$2,669,589	\$1,340,125	\$988,194	\$1,198,679	\$412,463	\$226,417
Disbursements	\$30,366,747	\$41,913,136	\$41,915,274	\$42,647,821	\$35,061,066	\$51,531,143
Contributions	\$550,500	\$244,888	\$428,983	\$614,804	\$442,530	\$525,787
Coord. Expend.	\$535,757	\$1,352,961	\$1,644,835	\$559,642	\$194,236	\$1,650,928
Cash-on-Hand	\$10,052,362	\$6,066,038	\$6,163,750	\$12,174,944	\$7,432,019	\$13,842,368
Debts By	\$0	\$27,777	\$430,677	\$188,265	\$483,679	\$388,701
National Republican Congressional Committee						
Receipts	\$49,811,709	\$16,465,667	\$21,580,141	\$23,328,692	\$21,324,766	\$28,292,589
Individuals	\$41,902,852	\$11,460,820	\$18,447,933	\$20,458,585	\$19,068,716	\$25,133,799
Other Cmte's	\$4,081,975	\$1,641,059	\$1,158,419	\$897,185	\$536,002	\$234,858
Disbursements	\$42,802,916	\$15,149,976	\$19,844,211	\$22,231,090	\$18,151,106	\$26,079,728
Contributions	\$320,861	\$119,726	\$166,033	\$440,495	\$549,060	\$793,937
Coord. Expend.	\$171,133	\$465,766	\$165,252	\$483,220	\$207,430	\$62,441
Cash-on-Hand	\$7,573,343	\$1,493,818	\$1,919,324	\$2,287,162	\$3,449,274	\$3,972,234
Debts By	\$601,032	\$2,305,420	\$1,482,860	\$1,241,417	\$121,889	\$1,016,912
Republican State and Local						
Receipts	\$63,858,793	\$42,189,899	\$37,478,259	\$26,659,350	\$31,413,638	\$31,457,708
Individuals	\$53,832,844	\$38,370,277	\$33,920,596	\$25,010,650	\$25,919,707	\$25,661,895
Other Cmte's	\$701,432	\$548,606	\$637,619	\$372,379	\$861,963	\$785,962
Disbursements	\$52,044,963	\$32,656,984	\$30,312,409	\$24,757,885	\$27,459,148	\$28,763,705
Contributions	\$824,502	\$290,724	\$397,842	\$543,565	\$185,623	\$268,593
Coord. Expend.	\$39,255	\$36,625	\$7,400	\$81,137	\$13,875	\$33,024
Cash-on-Hand	\$9,715,697	\$7,370,720	\$5,884,660	\$4,786,608	\$5,370,731	\$4,555,268
Debts By	\$1,958,323	\$2,234,463	\$2,126,951	\$1,161,624	\$1,884,703	
Total Republican						
Receipts	\$243,846,068	\$161,978,993	\$156,875,314	\$152,773,004	\$156,632,224	\$189,726,375
Individuals	\$217,407,032	\$147,914,674	\$145,335,353	\$140,050,959	\$140,122,794	\$170,895,660
Other Cmte's	\$7,962,986	\$3,903,600	\$3,235,118	\$2,925,249	\$2,308,618	\$1,514,978
Disbursements	\$214,404,970	\$136,989,097	\$136,332,541	\$137,988,736	\$131,921,454	\$162,193,652
Contributions	\$1,747,381	\$707,374	\$1,053,303	\$1,704,033	\$1,224,673	\$1,699,125
Coord. Expend.	\$747,229	\$2,004,459	\$1,817,487	\$1,138,320	\$415,541	\$1,746,393
Cash-on-Hand	\$28,105,192	\$21,343,411	\$18,026,400	\$23,918,826	\$27,828,806	\$32,382,224
Debts By	\$3,059,355	\$4,567,660	\$4,040,488	\$2,591,306	\$2,490,271	\$1,405,613

Note: This table includes only federal activity

National Party Financial Activity Through June 30 of the Election Year

	1995-96	1993-94	1991-92	1989-90	1987-88	1985-86
Democratic National Committee						
Receipts	\$68,888,301	\$29,134,530	\$16,912,173	\$10,226,931	\$16,850,874	\$12,483,814
Individuals	\$59,382,049	\$25,012,283	\$13,849,579	\$7,590,174	\$12,635,658	\$9,655,269
Other Cmte's	\$1,369,937	\$1,789,696	\$1,412,240	\$1,127,469	\$1,587,880	\$555,860
Disbursements	\$63,817,765	\$31,079,572	\$17,542,663	\$13,162,093	\$15,087,533	\$12,678,425
Contributions	\$17,675	\$22,943	\$4,255	\$42,500	\$28,998	\$20,500
Coord. Expend.	\$29,978	\$171,546	\$833,112	\$116,929	\$0	\$343,348
Cash-on-Hand	\$5,259,061	\$1,377,976	\$1,105,517	\$2,479,497	\$1,919,012	\$97,923
Debts By	\$4,662,595	\$1,290,261	\$633,011	\$107,547	\$1,765,705	\$2,262,283
Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee						
Receipts	\$17,162,590	\$16,523,819	\$13,324,141	\$12,803,183	\$11,424,410	\$7,563,934
Individuals	\$11,803,789	\$11,019,088	\$8,204,749	\$8,592,009	\$7,804,549	\$5,028,281
Other Cmte's	\$4,349,325	\$3,721,004	\$3,539,735	\$3,262,687	\$1,930,146	\$1,044,100
Disbursements	\$12,505,523	\$12,219,086	\$12,023,205	\$10,364,615	\$8,147,239	\$5,963,800
Contributions	\$372,500	\$302,500	\$530,000	\$409,770	\$400,749	\$382,596
Coord. Expend.	\$642,099	\$1,478,315	\$1,453,247	\$667,530	\$879,689	\$194,000
Cash-on-Hand	\$4,759,438	\$4,310,611	\$1,350,136	\$2,525,276	\$3,356,083	\$1,814,379
Debts By	\$221,716	\$219,069	\$316,780	\$571,447	\$650,477	\$362,643
Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee						
Receipts	\$16,275,388	\$12,242,700	\$8,661,068	\$6,771,393	\$9,451,989	\$8,742,135
Individuals	\$10,611,386	\$6,872,233	\$3,708,779	\$2,849,821	\$4,742,366	\$5,934,272
Other Cmte's	\$4,130,959	\$3,996,908	\$4,459,820	\$3,178,959	\$2,205,597	\$914,160
Disbursements	\$13,326,828	\$9,922,027	\$7,760,329	\$6,680,120	\$8,904,710	\$8,791,834
Contributions	\$279,507	\$250,140	\$227,796	\$241,467	\$307,334	\$361,858
Coord. Expend.	\$420,522	\$215,320	\$169,725	\$385,351	\$333,036	\$93,262
Cash-on-Hand	\$3,196,978	\$2,502,119	\$920,634	\$137,953	\$606,134	\$248,852
Debts By	\$84,258	\$3,139	\$866,291	\$1,207,379	\$1,494,449	\$481,537
Democratic State and Local						
Receipts	\$43,994,304	\$24,911,890	\$23,096,832	\$14,238,572	\$12,644,848	\$8,611,404
Individuals	\$21,310,278	\$17,007,933	\$16,085,250	\$10,969,736	\$7,748,302	\$5,228,009
Other Cmte's	\$2,190,754	\$1,350,209	\$1,684,836	\$1,073,711	\$2,038,584	\$630,284
Disbursements	\$38,657,892	\$20,753,977	\$20,789,413	\$14,054,926	\$11,703,983	\$8,107,834
Contributions	\$325,654	\$314,992	\$194,709	\$323,230	\$151,651	\$106,090
Coord. Expend.	\$45,357	\$329,706	\$87,725	\$114,367	\$189,248	\$130,353
Cash-on-Hand	\$3,447,911	\$2,793,722	\$2,403,728	\$1,487,896	\$1,465,757	\$1,321,260
Debts By	\$2,240,771	\$1,217,832	\$1,267,136	\$1,353,596	\$275,115	
Total Democratic						
Receipts	\$146,320,583	\$82,812,939	\$61,994,214	\$44,040,079	\$50,372,121	\$37,401,287
Individuals	\$103,107,502	\$59,911,537	\$41,848,357	\$30,001,740	\$32,930,875	\$25,845,831
Other Cmte's	\$12,040,975	\$10,857,817	\$11,096,631	\$8,642,826	\$7,762,207	\$3,144,404
Disbursements	\$128,308,008	\$73,974,662	\$58,115,610	\$44,261,754	\$43,843,465	\$35,541,893
Contributions	\$995,336	\$890,575	\$956,760	\$1,016,967	\$888,732	\$871,044
Coord. Expend.	\$1,137,956	\$2,194,887	\$2,543,809	\$1,284,177	\$1,401,973	\$760,963
Cash-on-Hand	\$16,663,388	\$10,984,428	\$5,780,015	\$6,630,622	\$7,346,986	\$3,482,414
Debts By	\$7,209,340	\$2,730,301	\$3,083,218	\$3,239,969	\$4,185,746	\$3,106,463

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**1995-96 NON-FEDERAL ACCOUNTS
Of National Party Committees
January 1, 1995 - June 30, 1996**

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Cash on Hand</u>
Republican National Committee			
Republican National State Elections Cmte	\$55,691,837	\$45,247,294	\$12,636,147
Committee to Preserve the Eisenhower Center	\$948,622	\$1,255,490	\$425,611
National Republican Legislators Assn	\$23,312	\$17,953	\$43,059
Republican Governors Assn Conference	\$428,000	\$123,659	\$351,602
Subtotal	\$57,091,771	\$46,644,396	\$13,456,419
National Republican Senatorial Committee			
Non-federal Acct	\$10,375,893	\$7,845,501	\$2,785,973
Building Fund	\$2,801,205	\$2,764,682	\$47,848
Subtotal	\$13,177,098	\$10,610,183	\$2,833,821
National Republican Congressional Committee			
Non-federal Acct	\$13,684,714	\$7,955,475	n/a
Subtotal	\$13,684,714	\$7,955,475	
Total Republican Non-federal	\$83,953,583	\$65,210,054	\$16,290,240

**1995-96 NON-FEDERAL ACCOUNTS
Of National Party Committees
January 1, 1995 - June 30, 1996**

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Cash on Hand</u>
Democratic National Committee			
Non-federal General (Labor)	\$2,353,781	\$1,443,160	\$924,354
Non-federal Corporate	\$32,168,238	\$27,817,535	\$4,546,288
Non-federal Individual	\$20,105,646	\$18,791,218	\$1,777,365
Non-federal Max PAC	\$1,108,050	\$751,452	\$356,619
Non-federal National Health Care	\$0	\$2,424	\$0
Non-federal General #2	\$74,500	\$5,172	\$70,587
Non-federal Unincorporated Assn Acct	\$4,657,821	\$4,306,047	\$351,774
Non-federal Building Fund	\$799,668	\$647,211	\$253,443
Subtotal	\$61,267,704	\$53,764,219	\$8,280,430
Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee			
Non-federal Building Fund	\$249,413	\$297,270	\$1,357
Non-federal Individuals	\$517,447	\$214,216	\$303,231
Non-federal Corporate	\$2,366,337	\$1,546,608	\$819,727
Non-federal PAC	\$64,625	\$19,941	\$44,683
Non-federal Labor	\$78,500	\$38,675	\$44,824
Non-federal Mixed	\$139,438	\$135,967	\$3,470
Subtotal	\$3,415,760	\$2,252,677	\$1,217,292
Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee			
Non-federal #1	\$3,407,642	\$2,478,559	\$1,069,772
Non-federal #2	\$266,036	\$27,506	\$265,403
Non-federal #3	\$464,046	\$326,583	\$224,604
Non-federal #4	\$214,010	\$96,568	\$183,401
Non-federal #5	\$395,685	\$94,476	\$315,091
Non-federal #6	\$14,171	\$13,341	\$16
Non-federal Building Fund #1	\$807,604	\$580,303	\$267,384
Subtotal	\$5,569,194	\$3,617,336	\$2,325,671
Total Democratic Non-federal	\$70,252,658	\$59,634,232	\$11,823,393

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**National Party Non-federal Activity
Through June 30 of the Election Year**

	1992	1994	1996	1992	1994	1996
Democratic National Committee						
Receipts	\$10,660,892	\$28,747,617	\$61,267,704	\$21,255,273	\$16,714,625	\$57,091,771
Disbursements	\$7,863,375	\$26,053,481	\$53,764,219	\$18,465,150	\$17,251,608	\$46,644,396
Cash on Hand	\$3,142,885	\$4,455,568	\$8,280,430	\$3,221,052	\$488,544	\$13,456,419
Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee						
Receipts	\$536,393	\$361,759	\$3,415,760	\$7,898,365	\$3,608,490	\$13,177,098
Disbursements	\$419,888	\$360,576	\$2,252,677	\$2,662,996	\$4,309,891	\$10,610,183
Cash on Hand	\$137,947	\$119,973	\$1,217,292	\$5,397,845	\$710,665	\$2,833,821
Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee						
Receipts	\$3,370,585	\$4,032,160	\$5,569,194	\$5,550,039	\$4,537,955	\$13,684,714
Disbursements	\$3,040,028	\$3,462,811	\$3,617,336	\$2,741,949	\$3,330,837	\$7,955,475
Cash on Hand	\$582,265	\$1,010,222	\$2,325,671			
Total Democratic						
Receipts	\$14,567,870	\$33,141,536	\$70,252,658	\$34,703,677	\$24,861,070	\$83,953,583
Disbursements	\$11,323,291	\$29,876,868	\$59,634,232	\$23,870,095	\$24,892,336	\$65,210,054
Cash on Hand	\$3,863,097	\$5,585,763	\$11,823,393	\$8,618,897	\$1,199,209	\$16,290,240
Republican National Committee						
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