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FUNDRAISING INCREASES FOR NATIONAL PARTY COMMITTEES

WASHINGTON - Both Republican and Democratic national party committees raised record amounts of money during 1995, according to figures compiled by the Federal Election Commission.

Disclosure reports covering financial activity from January 1 through December 31 show that the federal accounts of Republican party committees at the national level raised nearly \$96 million, spent \$86 million, and had cash-on-hand of just over \$11 million. Democratic national party committees' federal accounts reported raising \$52 million and spending \$50 million, with cash-on-hand of nearly \$3 million. Debts totaled \$1.2 million for Republicans and \$5.2 million for Democrats.

The Republican totals reflect a 32% increase in both fundraising and spending when compared with 1993. Republican fundraising increased by 27% over 1991, the last cycle that included a presidential campaign. Democratic totals represent increases of 46% in fundraising and 38% in spending over 1993, and were more than twice as much as these committees reported in 1991.

The largest Republican increase was reported by the National Republican Congressional Committee, increasing its receipts 181%, going from \$9.2 million in 1993 to \$25.9 million in 1995. By comparison, the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee increased its receipts only 27%, from \$6.7 million in 1993 to \$8.4 million in 1995. Also, the Republican National Committee and Democratic National Committee increased their fundraising according to FEC figures. While receipts for the RNC and DNC generally go up during a presidential cycle, the increase during this period was substantial when compared to past election cycles. The Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee, however, recorded a decline in both receipts and expenditures for 1995, when compared to 1993. Figures for the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee showed little change when compared to 1993. (See attached tables)

PAC contributions to Republican party committees more than doubled, going from \$1.9 million in 1993 to \$3.9 million in 1995. PAC contributions to Democratic party committees declined slightly, from \$5.9 million in 1993 to \$5.1 million in 1995.

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Contributions from PACs, however, represented only 4% of all Republican federal receipts and 10% of Democratic federal receipts. Both national parties continue to rely primarily on individuals as the source of their receipts.

Both parties also showed substantial increases in the amount of nonfederal or "soft money" raised when compared to 1993. Republican "soft money" accounts raised \$35.3 million, a 148% increase over 1993 while Democratic nonfederal accounts collected \$28.5 million, a 42% increase over 1993. Republicans spent \$27.6 million from their "soft money" accounts while Democrats spent \$26.8 million.

Charts attached to this release provide summary data for the financial activities of the Republican and Democratic national party committees during the first 12 months of the 1995-96 election cycle compared to the same period in four previous election cycles. Comparable data on nonfederal party activity is only available back to the 1991-92 cycle. 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 separate 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.

National Party Financial Activity Through December 31 of the Non Election Year

	1995-96	1993-94	1991-92	1989-90	1987-88
<u>DNC Services</u>					
Receipts	\$33,544,073	\$18,619,657	\$9,627,684	\$6,809,470	\$9,270,117
Individuals	\$28,360,554	\$16,046,140	\$7,371,181	\$5,190,958	\$7,023,542
Other Cmte's	\$751,105	\$1,106,532	\$753,590	\$623,514	\$779,525
Disbursements	\$32,874,692	\$20,721,121	\$9,682,240	\$8,405,452	\$8,703,501
Contributions	\$14,878	\$17,943	\$2,500	\$42,500	\$13,400
Coord. Expend.	\$29,640	\$164,611	\$146,000	\$14,631	\$0
Cash-on Hand	\$1,348,748	\$1,337,987	\$1,580,572	\$3,818,676	\$722,288
Debts By	\$4,172,113	\$1,732,482	\$508,581	\$111,837	\$1,638,550
 <u>DSCC</u>					
Receipts	\$10,086,688	\$10,420,123	\$8,042,786	\$8,088,110	\$6,166,735
Individuals	\$7,184,768	\$7,023,153	\$4,951,219	\$5,666,674	\$4,071,866
Other Cmte's	\$2,398,800	\$2,371,612	\$2,029,286	\$1,968,347	\$1,195,814
Disbursements	\$8,721,868	\$8,893,491	\$8,010,034	\$6,586,449	\$3,783,678
Contributions	\$110,000	\$157,500	\$251,300	\$318,798	\$256,313
Coord. Expend.	\$365,102	\$1,328,096	\$979,969	\$27,355	\$81,664
Cash-on Hand	\$1,232,891	\$1,532,510	\$81,954	\$1,589,670	\$2,461,969
Debts By	\$0	\$0	\$212,689	\$319,201	\$1,043,074
 <u>DCCC</u>					
Receipts	\$8,433,618	\$6,661,467	\$5,231,251	\$4,176,265	\$5,720,311
Individuals	\$5,897,898	\$3,839,899	\$2,248,382	\$1,814,858	\$3,073,238
Other Cmte's	\$1,985,903	\$2,400,817	\$2,673,272	\$1,859,953	\$1,550,001
Disbursements	\$8,315,213	\$6,462,205	\$4,717,048	\$4,200,764	\$5,546,292
Contributions	\$92,007	\$72,720	\$82,787	\$87,569	\$59,212
Coord. Expend.	\$91,094	\$105,776	\$128,031	\$232,155	\$201,151
Cash-on Hand	\$370,226	\$381,735	\$534,225	\$22,179	\$232,874
Debts By	\$992,387	\$21,326	\$1,022,917	\$1,611,914	\$828,889
 <u>Total Democratic</u>					
Receipts	\$52,064,379	\$35,701,247	\$22,901,721	\$19,073,845	\$21,157,163
Individuals	\$41,443,220	\$26,909,192	\$14,570,782	\$12,672,490	\$14,168,646
Other Cmte's	\$5,135,808	\$5,878,961	\$5,456,148	\$4,451,814	\$3,525,340
Disbursements	\$49,911,773	\$36,076,817	\$22,409,322	\$19,192,665	\$18,033,471
Contributions	\$216,885	\$248,163	\$336,587	\$448,867	\$328,925
Coord. Expend.	\$485,836	\$1,598,483	\$1,254,000	\$274,141	\$282,815
Cash-on Hand	\$2,951,865	\$3,252,232	\$2,196,751	\$5,430,525	\$3,417,131
Debts By	\$5,164,500	\$1,753,808	\$1,744,187	\$2,042,952	\$3,510,513

Note: This table includes only Federal receipts

National Party Financial Activity Through December 31 of the Non Election Year

	1995-96	1993-94	1991-92	1989-90	1987-88
RNC					
Receipts	\$46,150,824	\$34,197,814	\$32,044,036	\$30,683,225	\$32,993,180
Individuals	\$44,774,721	\$33,230,393	\$29,444,216	\$28,611,143	\$31,996,129
Other Cmte's	\$58,750	\$178,780	\$296,886	\$294,767	\$259,400
Disbursements	\$44,196,278	\$28,190,108	\$29,874,838	\$31,493,011	\$32,430,468
Contributions	\$37,236	\$21,000	\$22,315	\$57,459	\$16,000
Coord. Expend.	\$392	\$119,808	\$0	(\$7,023)	\$0
Cash-on Hand	\$2,683,068	\$6,690,443	\$887,525	\$1,518,288	\$1,803,556
Debts By	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
NRSC					
Receipts	\$23,550,626	\$29,098,083	\$29,306,083	\$35,499,507	\$24,940,503
Individuals	\$20,403,210	\$26,556,154	\$28,443,277	\$33,265,592	\$22,276,668
Other Cmte's	\$1,585,530	\$773,135	\$572,917	\$701,467	\$221,759
Disbursements	\$17,833,909	\$27,709,514	\$25,775,017	\$27,578,005	\$21,108,908
Contributions	\$297,500	\$204,388	\$84,630	\$230,995	\$339,151
Coord. Expend.	(\$37,586)	\$1,352,961	\$970,972	\$60,648	\$3,664
Cash-on Hand	\$5,800,716	\$1,657,298	\$3,558,085	\$10,653,283	\$4,016,930
Debts By	\$0	\$1,776,590	\$444,444	\$589,734	\$1,120,030
NRCC					
Receipts	\$25,937,136	\$9,238,015	\$13,765,744	\$14,283,412	\$12,894,630
Individuals	\$22,432,698	\$6,503,835	\$12,092,089	\$12,599,528	\$11,777,461
Other Cmte's	\$2,252,934	\$927,210	\$729,161	\$519,912	\$312,500
Disbursements	\$23,991,548	\$9,108,293	\$13,425,907	\$13,170,536	\$12,119,888
Contributions	\$69,580	\$75,960	\$79,601	\$168,866	\$133,971
Coord. Expend.	\$80,833	\$326,126	\$160,646	\$354,756	\$70,876
Cash-on Hand	\$2,794,253	\$355,795	\$525,381	\$2,302,433	\$1,050,354
Debts By	\$1,225,569	\$3,397,101	\$1,989,883	\$794,654	\$34,922
Total Republican					
Receipts	\$95,638,586	\$72,533,912	\$75,115,863	\$80,466,144	\$70,828,313
Individuals	\$87,610,629	\$66,290,382	\$69,979,582	\$74,476,263	\$66,050,258
Other Cmte's	\$3,897,214	\$1,879,125	\$1,598,964	\$1,516,146	\$793,659
Disbursements	\$86,021,735	\$65,007,915	\$69,075,762	\$72,241,552	\$65,659,264
Contributions	\$404,316	\$301,348	\$186,546	\$457,320	\$489,122
Coord. Expend.	\$43,639	\$1,798,895	\$1,131,618	\$408,381	\$74,540
Cash-on Hand	\$11,278,037	\$8,703,536	\$4,970,991	\$14,474,004	\$6,870,840
Debts By	\$1,225,569	\$5,173,691	\$2,434,327	\$1,384,388	\$1,154,952

Note: This table includes only Federal receipts

National Party Financial Activity Through December 31 of the Non Election Year

**1995-96 NON-FEDERAL ACCOUNTS
Of National Party Committees
January 1, 1993 - December 31, 1993**

		Receipts	Disbursements	Cash on Hand
DNC				
Non-federal General (Labor)		\$1,051,352	\$868,192	\$196,893
Non-federal Corporate		\$11,623,975	\$10,619,530	\$1,200,030
Non-federal Max Pac		\$460,050	\$278,471	\$181,601
Non-federal Individual		\$10,186,869	\$10,298,939	\$247,181
Democratic Action Network		\$0	\$0	\$0
Non-federal National Health Care		\$0	\$2,424	\$0
DNC - Building Fund		\$410,770	\$477,430	\$34,327
Unincorporated Assoc. Account		\$1,527,980	\$1,448,483	\$34,327
Subtotal				
	1995	\$25,260,996	\$23,993,469	\$1,894,359
	1993	\$17,034,180	\$16,675,469	\$2,119,439
	1991	\$5,397,747	\$5,194,872	\$554,493
DSCC				
DSCC non-federal Individuals		\$119,124	\$115,279	\$13,590
DSCC non-federal Corporate		\$597,770	\$497,142	\$100,628
DSCC non-federal PAC		\$18,500	\$15,000	\$3,500
DSCC non-federal Labor		\$31,500	\$13,675	\$17,824
DSCC non-federal Mixed		\$4,100	\$2,800	\$1,300
Building Fund		\$154,392	\$190,018	\$13,590
Subtotal				
	1995	\$925,386	\$833,914	\$150,432
	1993	\$345,055	\$259,794	\$204,051
	1991	\$286,563	\$317,372	\$32,864
DCCC				
Non-federal #1		\$1,372,239	\$1,343,588	\$169,340
Non Federal #2		\$153,936	\$27,506	\$153,300
Non Federal #3		\$208,156	\$136,656	\$158,641
Non Federal #4		\$40,545	\$63,086	\$43,415
Non Federal #5		\$36,676	\$1	\$50,557
Non Federal #6		\$0	\$15	\$252
Building Fund #1		\$470,083	\$375,804	\$134,359
Building Fund #2		\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal				
	1995	\$2,281,635	\$1,946,656	\$709,864
	1993	\$2,706,490	\$2,196,868	\$950,509
	1991	\$2,196,103	\$2,054,562	\$393,245
Total Democratic				
Non-federal	1995	\$28,468,017	\$26,774,039	\$2,754,655
	1993	\$20,085,725	\$19,132,131	\$3,273,999
	1991	\$7,880,413	\$7,566,806	\$980,602

DNC = Democratic National Committee

DSCC = Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee

DCCC = Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee

Note: Account names are as reported by the party.

They do not necessarily represent the sources of funds in those accounts.

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**1995-96 NON-FEDERAL ACCOUNTS
Of National Party Committees**

		<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Cash on Hand</u>
RNC				
Cmte to Preserve Eisenhower Center		\$445,322	\$684,702	\$493,102
Republican Nat State Election Cmte		\$20,480,341	\$20,124,432	\$1,819,663
Nat Rep Legislators Assoc		\$19,447	\$15,406	\$41,742
RNC-Rep Governors Association		\$213,000	\$110,018	\$150,244
	1995	\$21,158,110	\$20,934,558	\$2,504,751
Subtotal	1993	\$10,581,731	\$11,243,966	\$348,605
	1991	\$11,159,327	\$11,433,578	\$156,682
 NRSC				
Building Fund		\$2,127,205	\$1,951,460	\$187,074
Nonfederal Account		\$5,390,998	\$2,496,081	\$3,150,498
	1995	\$7,518,203	\$4,447,541	\$3,337,572
Subtotal	1993	\$2,284,499	\$3,471,830	\$180,804
	1991	\$4,858,815	\$1,671,037	\$3,350,253
 NRCC				
Nonfederal Account		\$1,369,219	\$1,573,063	n/a
Subtotal	Information taken from detailed schedules. Aggregation page not available.			
	1995	\$6,650,915	\$2,259,565	
	1993	\$1,369,219	\$1,573,063	
	1991	\$2,394,675	\$2,702,784	
 Total Republican Non-federal	1995	\$35,327,228	\$27,641,664	\$5,842,323
	1993	\$14,235,449	\$16,288,859	\$529,409
	1991	\$18,412,817	\$15,807,399	\$3,506,935

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NRSC = National Republican Senatorial Committee
NRCC = National Republican Congressional Committee