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MATCHING FUND CERTIFICATIONS FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

WASHINGTON - MARCH 22 - The Federal Election Commission today certified \$980,266.42 in federal primary matching funds for 12 Presidential candidates.

The candidates, and amounts certified today, are as follows:

Senator Birch Bayh.....	\$3,765.25
James E. Carter.....	\$81,999.60
Senator Frank Church.....	\$21,688.50
President Gerald R. Ford.....	\$167,758.21
Fred R. Harris.....	\$48,431.87
Senator Henry M. Jackson.....	\$73,798.33
Ellen McCormack.....	\$34,305.37
Ronald Reagan.....	\$122,909.96
Governor Milton J. Shapp.....	\$4,216.94
R. Sargent Shriver.....	\$3,071.00
Congressman Morris Udall.....	\$78,718.00
Governor George C. Wallace.....	\$339,603.39

This raises to \$12,618,240.88 the amount of primary matching funds certified this year by the FEC for 14 candidates.

Total matching funds including today's certifications, broken down by candidates are as follows:

Senator Birch Bayh.....	\$438,506.35
Senator Lloyd M. Bentsen, Jr.....	\$511,022.61
James E. Carter.....	\$1,078,467.75
Senator Frank Church.....	\$231,380.78
President Gerald R. Ford.....	\$1,952,615.68
Fred R. Harris.....	\$493,278.50
Senator Henry M. Jackson.....	\$1,559,637.18
Ellen McCormack.....	\$169,043.90
Ronald Reagan.....	\$1,679,124.19
Terry Sanford.....	\$246,388.32
Governor Milton J. Shapp.....	\$278,010.60
R. Sargent Shriver.....	\$264,582.74
Congressman Morris K. Udall.....	\$930,986.25
Governor George C. Wallace.....	\$2,785,196.03

Today's certifications are the last the FEC will make until Congress acts to reconstitute the Commission in accordance with the U.S. Supreme Court opinion in Buckley v. Valeo. The court ruled that since all the Commissioners had not been appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, they could not exercise executive functions, such as public financing certification. The court's order goes into effect at midnight tonight.

Pending Congressional action, the Commission staff will continue to receive Presidential candidate matching fund and major political party convention fund requests. They will continue to conduct staff reviews, so that immediately after reconstitution, the Commissioners will be able to take up pending requests for certifications.

In addition, the Commission to date has certified \$1,610,000.00 in Nominating Convention payments, including \$860,000.00 to the Democratic National Committee and \$750,000.00 to the Republican National Committee.