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FEC RELEASES INDEX OF INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES

WASHINGTON - MARCH 23 - An index released by the Federal Election Commission today reveals that \$373,993 was spent by individuals and groups of individuals as "independent expenditures" in support of or against 43 Federal candidates in the 1976 elections.

Of this total, \$364,823 was spent in support of 43 candidates, and \$9,170 was spent against 2 candidates.

The 130-page index, itemizing individuals' "independent expenditures" alphabetically by candidate and by spender, was compiled utilizing the FEC computer system from reports filed with the Commission from January 1, 1975 - February 28, 1977. This list does not include independent expenditures made by multi-candidate committees or other on-going political committees; an index listing independent expenditures by these registered political committees will be released by the FEC at a later date.

Of the \$364,823 spent on behalf of candidates, the index shows that 123 individuals and groups reported spending \$267,686 (73%) for Presidential candidates, \$44,385 (13%) for Senate candidates, and \$52,752 (14%) for House candidates. The \$9,170 spent against candidates was all spent against Presidential candidates by two individuals.

"Independent expenditures" are expenditures "expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate". They may not be made in cooperation with a candidate or his agents, and are reported separately by the reporting person or group.

The index released today also lists \$277,167 spent by "unauthorized delegates" (delegates who have not been authorized financially or in writing by a Presidential candidate) and delegate committees for communications for or against a Federal candidate. Expenditures over \$100 made for this purpose by an "unauthorized delegate" must be reported to the FEC.

Details from the index include the following:

Independent Expenditures for Presidential candidates:

Total Spent for ALL Presidential Candidates - \$267,686*

<u>CANDIDATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT SPENT</u>	<u>% of TOTAL</u>
Ronald Reagan.....	\$115,957.....	43%
Gerald Ford.....	\$108,214 ¹	40%
Frank Church.....	\$ 24,212.....	9%
Jimmy Carter.....	\$ 17,091 ²	6%
Morris Udall.....	\$ 675.....	1%
Jerry Brown.....	\$ 630.....	1%
Milton Shapp.....	\$ 448.....	-
George Wallace.....	\$ 445.....	-
Henry Jackson.....	\$ 14.....	-

*Total does not include expenditures made in opposition to a candidate.

¹Figure does not include a \$650 expenditure made in opposition to Ford.

²Figure does not include a \$8,520 expenditure made in opposition to Carter.

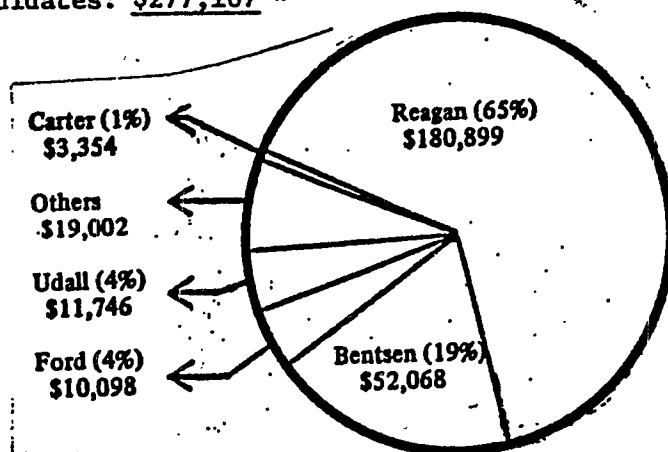
The following are the largest "independent expenditures" reported by individuals in 1976:

<u>PERSON</u>	<u>CANDIDATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1. Henry C. Grover.....	Ronald Reagan.....	\$63,000
2. Joseph Coors.....	Ronald Reagan.....	\$33,782
3. Milton Shapp.....	Jimmy Carter, Walter Mondale, Wm. Green & "Democratic Congressional Candidates"	\$28,001
4. Edward Downe, Jr.....	Jerry Litton.....	\$26,820
5. Stewart Mott.....	Unlisted.....	\$20,051
6. Raymond Donovan.....	James Buckley.....	\$18,836
7. Richard Kughn.....	Gerald Ford.....	\$18,625
8. Norton Simon.....	Gerald Ford.....	\$17,367
9. Howard Pack.....	Elmo Zumwalt.....	\$15,000
10. Russell Knott.....	Gerald Ford.....	\$14,347
11. Warren Manshell.....	Frank Church.....	\$11,998
12. Edward Downe, Jr.....	Frank Church.....	\$11,998
13. Ted B. Brown.....	Gerald Ford.....	\$11,428
14. Fred Hearn.....	Gerald Ford.....	\$ 9,349
15. Walter Knott.....	Ronald Reagan.....	\$ 9,250

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"Unauthorized Delegate" and Delegate Committee Expenditures for Presidential Candidates

Total Spent for ALL candidates: \$277,167 *



*Total represents expenditures made only for identified candidates; 67% of the "unauthorized delegates" and delegate committees reported the identity of the candidate supported.