

WASHINGTON - The Federal Election Commission today certified the first federal matching funds for the 1980 Presidential Primary campaign. Notification has been sent to the Treasury Department, which may issue payments after January 1, 1980.

Candidates and amounts certified today are:

Senator Howard H. Baker, Jr. (R).....\$ 767,053.85

President James E. Carter (D).....\$1,077,002.07

Total amount of funds certified: \$1,844,055.92

In addition, Lyndon H. LaRouche (D), has established his eligibility to receive federal matching funds. The Commission will certify an amount to the Treasury Department in the near future.

* Requests for eligibility from George Bush (R), Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D), and Ronald Reagan (R) are also pending Commission action.

By law, candidates seeking eligibility must first raise \$100,000, (\$5,000-plus in 20 different states, in contributions from individuals in amounts of \$250 or less), and agree to abide by overall spending limits, spending limits in each state, and certain recordkeeping requirements and audits.

Once a candidate has established his/her eligibility, he/she may submit additional requests for matching funds on the first, third and fifth Mondays of every month. The Commission will certify eligible contributions within 15 calendar days.