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FEC PUBLISHES 1984 PRESIDENTIAL POST-GENERAL ELECTION NON-FILERS

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission today cited the campaign committees of two 1984 Presidential candidates for failing to file the required 30 day post-general election reports of receipts and expenditures. Only Presidential candidate committees involved in the November general election were included in this publication.

The following lists the names of the committees which failed to file:

Bergland for President.....David Bergland.....Libertarian
Gerald Willis for U.S. President.....Noah Gerald Willis...Conservative

The report was to have been filed December 6, and would have detailed financial activity occurring from October 18 through November 26. If sent certified or registered mail, the report should have been postmarked by December 6.

Some individuals and their committees have no obligation to file reports under federal election law, even though their names may appear on general election ballots. If an individual and his or her campaign committee raise or spend less than \$5,000, the individual is not considered a "candidate" under the Federal Election Campaign Act, and neither the individual nor the committee has to register.

All candidates who were involved in the November 6 election had been notified approximately 24 days in advance of the due date of the report. Those whose reports were not filed on the due date were notified on December 13 that their reports had not been received and that their names would be published for failure to file if they did not respond within 4 business days.

The Commission publishes only the names of those committees which have been designated by candidates as their principal campaign committees. Under Amendments to the Federal Election Campaign Act, effective January 8, 1980, candidates no longer are required to file personal reports of receipts and expenditures. All such information is reported by authorized committees of the candidates.

Authorized House and Senate candidate committees, and other political committees which supported Presidential and Congressional candidates in the general election (those which are not authorized units of a candidate's campaign) also were required to file post-general election reports. Those committee names are not published by the FEC.

Further Commission action against non-filers and late filers will be decided on a case-by-case basis. The Federal Election Campaign Act gives the Commission broad authority to initiate enforcement actions, including civil court enforcement and the imposition of civil penalties (\$5,000 for "any violation" and \$10,000 for any "knowing and willful" violation) for infractions of the law, including failure to file required disclosure reports.

The next report required to be filed by all political committees will be the year-end report, due January 31, 1985. The report will cover activity through December 31, 1984.