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1988 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN FAILS TO FILE MONTHLY REPORT

WASHINGTON — The Federal Election Commission today cited one 1988 Presidential campaign committee with failure to file the required November monthly financial disclosure report, covering activity from October 1, 1988, through October 31, 1988.

Failure to file by 5 p.m., December 5, resulted in this publication for the following committee:

BEN FERNANDEZ FOR PRESIDENT COMMITTEE...ANNIE PADILLA, TREAS...BEN FERNANDEZ (REP)

The report was to have been filed November 20, 1988, and would have detailed financial activity for the month of October. If sent by certified or registered mail, the report should have been postmarked by midnight November 20.

On November 28, the committee was notified by express mail that the FEC had not yet received its monthly report. The campaign had four business days, from the date of the notice, to respond. Prior notification of the required filing was sent to the committee on October 3, 1988.

During an election year, Presidential campaign committees that anticipate raising or spending over \$100,000 are required to report on a monthly basis. Those reports are due on the 20th of each month, covering financial activity during the prior month.

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.

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