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WASHINGTON -- The rapidly increasing activities of the Federal Election Commission are summarized in the 1993 Annual Report delivered today to the White House and Congress.

Record numbers of federal candidates and campaign expenditures in 1992 were responsible, in part, for the increased demands made on Commission resources, including a growing enforcement case load and massive amounts of data to be analyzed.

In addition to the statistical tables, charts and graphs depicting campaign finance and Commission operations in 1993, the Report provides an overview of the many legal issues faced by the Commission during the year. Federal pre-emption of state campaign finance laws, issues involving funds used by candidates for federal office, as well as matters of interest to corporations and labor organizations, are summarized in the Report.

The Commission also last year embarked on an intensive effort to help states implement the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, designed to facilitate and increase voter participation.

Also included in the Report is a summary of the 1993 challenge to the constitutionality of the composition of the Commission (FEC v. NRA Victory Fund). The Commission has petitioned the Supreme Court for a review and initiated a series of actions to ensure the uninterrupted enforcement of the election laws.

The Report contains legislative recommendations adopted by the Commission, including:

- eliminating state expenditure limits for publicly financed Presidential primary campaigns;
- raising the eligibility threshold for publicly funded Presidential candidates;
- replacing the current separate limits for primary and general election contributions to candidates with a single, election-cycle limit; and
- giving the Commission authority to waive unnecessary reporting and to adjust filing requirements when warranted.

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Other highlights in the report are:

- information on the enforcement prioritization system implemented in 1993 to produce a more timely resolution of significant cases;
- a summary of the new audit procedures to help expedite the release of presidential audit reports;
- a summary of the revised rules used to clarify what is considered "best efforts" in obtaining contributor information; and
- information on the Commission's new electronic imaging system.

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