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FEC PUBLISHES PRESIDENTIAL NON-FILERS

WASHINGTON — The 1984 Presidential campaign committee of Benjamin Fernandez, a candidate for the Republican nomination, was cited today by the Federal Election Commission for failure to file the required March monthly financial disclosure report, covering activity for the month of February. Also cited was the Committee for Positive Future for Barbara Marx Hubbard for Vice-President.

The reports were to have been filed March 20, and would have detailed the financial activity for February, as well as summary figures for the campaigns-to-date.

Both committees were sent mailgrams noting their failure to file on Tuesday, March 27. The campaigns had four business days to respond from their receipt of those notices. Failure to file by close of business yesterday, April 3, resulted in this publication.

The election law requires all Presidential campaigns which have had financial activity in excess of \$100,000 to file monthly reports on the 20th of each month. Notification of the 1984 reporting requirements was sent to Presidential campaigns on January 25.

Further Commission action against non-filers will be decided on a case-by-case basis. The election law gives the Commission broad authority to initiate enforcement actions, including civil court enforcement and 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 due from Presidential campaigns is the April monthly report, due on April 20 and covering activity for March.