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LAROCHE MEETS FEC REQUIREMENTS

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission announced today that Lyndon H. LaRouche had finally satisfied conditions set by the FEC in late January which were prerequisites to his receiving 1984 matching funds.

The Commission had previously informed the LaRouche Campaign that it would have to correct certain problems arising from the 1980 campaign before funds would be certified for 1984. Those conditions were: 1) that the candidate or his 1980 campaign had to repay in full a \$15,000 civil penalty assessed for violations of the Act; 2) that the candidate or his 1980 campaign pay in full \$54,671.84 in monies found due and owing by the FEC as a result of an audit of Mr. LaRouche's 1980 campaign; 3) that the candidate sign an affidavit accepting liability for any and all civil penalties and repayments incurred by his 1980 campaign as attested to in his original 1979 candidate agreement letter to the Commission.

The LaRouche campaign submitted its threshold request for 1984 federal matching funds on December 30, 1983. On January 26, 1984, the FEC made an initial determination that LaRouche's campaign was not eligible for federal funds because of evidence that the candidate had failed to live up to the conditions of his 1979 candidate agreement letter by denying his responsibility for payment of a civil penalty incurred by his 1980 campaign and by failing to make repayments found due and owing by the FEC - statutory requirements of all candidates who accept public funds.

On January 27, 1984, the LaRouche Campaign filed a court action seeking an injunction against the Commission or a reversal of the FEC's preliminary action. These motions were denied by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia on January 30, 1984, and the case was dismissed April 4.

Since late January, the LaRouche campaign has paid the \$15,000 civil penalty, as well as the \$54,671.84 repayment required by the FEC. Mr. LaRouche has submitted an affidavit acknowledging his personal liability for his 1980 campaign.

Therefore, since all of the conditions set by the FEC have now been satisfied, and, in the language of the court, absent any patent irregularities on the face of threshold documents submitted for determination of eligibility, the FEC has certified Mr. LaRouche eligible to receive 1984 matching funds and has authorized an initial payment of \$100,000. Additional payments will be made depending on the campaign's ability to raise contributions from individuals which meet all FEC requirements.