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1984 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGNS FAIL TO FILE END-OF-YEAR REPORTS

WASHINGTON — The Federal Election Commission today cited the 1984 Presidential campaign committee of Bob Richards with failure to file the required year-end financial disclosure report, covering activity for the month of December. Also cited, was the Committee for a Positive Future for Barbara Marx Hubbard for Vice-President.

The reports were to have been filed January 31, 1985, and would have detailed financial activity for December 1984, as well as summary figures for the campaign-to-date.

On February 7, 1985, both committees were notified by mailgram that the FEC had not yet received their end-of-year reports. The campaigns had four business days to respond from their receipt of that notice. Failure to file by close of business Thursday, February 14, resulted in this publication.

All Presidential campaigns which had financial activity in excess of \$100,000 were required to file monthly reports during 1984. Candidates involved in the November 6 general election also were required to file pre- and post-general election reports. Notification of the required year-end filing was sent to Presidential campaigns on January 7, 1985.

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 supporting Presidential and Congressional candidates (those which are not authorized units of a candidate's campaign) also were required to file end-of-year 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.

In non-election years, authorized committees of Presidential candidates have the option of continuing to report on a monthly basis, or changing to quarterly filing. If the monthly reporting option is continued from the election year, reports are due on the 20th of each month. If committees choose to report

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quarterly, the reports are due on the 15th of April, July and October. Year-end reports are due January 31, 1986. All committees authorized by Congressional candidates must report semiannually: July 31, 1985 and January 31, 1986. Unauthorized committees are required to file on either a semiannual or monthly basis in 1985.

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