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1988 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGNS FAIL TO FILE MONTHLY REPORT

WASHINGTON — The Federal Election Commission today cited two 1988 Presidential campaign committees with failure to file the required August monthly financial disclosure report, covering activity from July 1, 1988, through July 31, 1988. They are:

Ben Fernandez for President Committee...Annie Padilla, tres...Ben Fernandez (Rep)

David Duke for President Committee...Pauline Mackey, tres...David Duke (Pop)

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

On August 26, the committees were notified by express mail that the FEC had not yet received their August monthly report. The campaigns had four business days, from the date of the notice, to respond. Failure to file by 5 p.m., Thursday, September 1 resulted in this publication. Notification of the required filing was sent to committees on December 18, 1987.

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. The next report due from Presidential committees is the September monthly report, covering the period August 1 through August 31.

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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