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## FEC'S FLASHFAX SYSTEM GROWING IN POPULARITY

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission's 24-hour automated facsimile (fax) service dubbed "Flashfax" has logged over 1,000 inquiries since going on-line in July, and it continues to grow in popularity as more documents are made available through the system, the FEC Public Records Office reports.

Touch-tone phone users call 202-501-3413 and the automated system provides instructions for receiving a document, or receiving a menu of documents available on the system. Once the menu number is punched in, callers are asked to enter their own phone-fax number and regular phone number or extension and the document is then automatically faxed to the requester.

The menu includes FEC forms and brochures, recent actions on regulations, 1993-94 advisory opinions, money-in-politics statistical press releases, reports from the Clearinghouse on Election Administration, public funding information, and more. Individual campaign finance disclosure reports cannot be retrieved with this system\*

Cost of the Flashfax system to the user is merely the cost of the initial phone call to order a document, whereas ordering faxed documents via the previous human-assisted system contained a transmission fee and a copying fee.

First-time users are encouraged to call the Flashfax number, 202-501-3413, and enter 411 for a complete menu of Flashfax services.

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\*Media advisory: The Flashfax system does not include campaign finance disclosures/filings. For those, you must continue to request particulars or summaries through the Press Office or copy the filings in the Public Records Office.

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