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## FEC DECLARES SPECTER ELIGIBLE FOR PRIMARY MATCHING FUNDS IN '96 RACE

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission today certified Arlen Specter eligible to receive federal matching funds for the 1996 presidential primary campaign. Specter is seeking the Republican nomination.

Phil Gramm was certified eligible to receive federal matching funds on March 20. Lamar Alexander, Patrick Buchanan and Robert Dole were certified eligible May 31. Richard Lugar and Pete Wilson were certified August 30.

To become eligible for matching funds, candidates must raise a threshold amount of \$100,000 by collecting \$5,000 in 20 different states in amounts no greater than \$250 from any individual. Other requirements include agreeing to an overall spending limit, abiding by spending limits in each state, using public funds only for legitimate campaign-related expenses, keeping financial records and permitting an extensive campaign audit.

A threshold submission was filed by the campaign on August 16, 1995.

Once certified eligible, campaigns may submit additional contributions for matching funds on the first business day of every month. The U.S. Treasury Department will pay the FEC-certified amounts beginning in January 1996. The maximum amount a candidate could receive is currently calculated to be \$15 million.

Listed on the reverse side of this release are the qualifying states for the candidate.

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**CANDIDATE THRESHOLD SUBMISSION DATE  
AND STATES REVIEWED FOR QUALIFICATION**

**SPECTER  
08/16/95**

Arizona  
California  
Colorado  
Connecticut  
Washington, D.C.  
Florida  
Georgia  
Illinois  
Iowa  
Kansas  
Maryland  
Massachusetts  
Michigan  
Missouri  
New Jersey  
New York  
Ohio  
Pennsylvania  
Texas  
Virginia  
Washington

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