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NATIONAL REPUBLICAN PARTY FINANCIAL ACTIVITY DECLINES... STILL OVERSHADOWS DEMOCRATS

WASHINGTON — Even with its superior cash advantage and obvious long-standing expertise, the Republican Party's financial activity and cash position are down drastically from '86 levels. This continues the decline first seen in the '86 elections. The biggest drop in activity can be seen in the figures for the National Republican Senatorial Committee. None of the three national-level committees is anywhere close to the cash position seen at this time in the '86 cycle, although their reserves are slightly more than three times those of the Democrats.

In contrast, although lagging behind in total dollars, there has been a steady increase in all types of financial activity by each of the three national Democratic Party committees. In particular, direct support of Democratic candidates by the national party has increased dramatically, with the Democrats spending one-and-one-half times the amount Republican Party committees have spent thus far in contributions and expenditures on behalf of candidates.

In advance of financial reports soon to be filed for the second quarter of 1988, the FEC has prepared an analysis of the activity of both major political parties for the 15 months of the 87-88 election cycle, beginning January 1, 1987, and ending March 31, 1988. During that period, the Republican Party raised and spent more than three times the amount the Democrats have: raising \$97.2 million to the Democrats \$29.3 million, and spending \$83.9 million to their \$25.1 million.

With more money at its disposal, the Republican Party at the national level has transferred to its state and local federal accounts at least twenty times the amount transferred by its Democratic counterparts.

The amount of PAC money received by party committees at the national level has increased slightly over '86 levels. At the same time, there has been a drop in the percentage of funds raised from individuals. In 1986, for Republicans, the percent raised from individuals was 95.4%; for 1988, that percent dropped to 93.5%. The Democrats' receipts from individuals have declined from 72.8% in '86, to 65.5% in '88.

Tables on the following pages detail the activity of the three committees at the national level for both major parties and provide comparison figures for the years 1981 - 1988.

National Party Financial Activity Through March 31 of the Election Year
(15-months)

	1985-86	1987-88		1985-86	1987-88
RNC			DNC		
Receipts	\$54,134,194	\$45,863,332	Receipts	\$10,792,055	\$12,958,837
Individuals	\$51,678,350	\$44,453,191	Individuals	\$8,470,085	\$9,816,407
Non-Party	\$320,024	\$289,899	Non-Party	\$816,915	\$1,126,344
Disbursements	\$46,468,670	\$40,519,415	Disbursements	\$10,980,028	\$12,047,718
Contrib to Candid	\$31,683	\$24,960	Contrib to Candid	\$20,500	\$0
Coord. Expend	\$0	\$0	Coord. Expend	\$343,348	\$0
Contrib to Party	\$1,672,730	\$1,662,751	Contrib to Party	\$149,621	\$38,302
Cash on Hand	\$9,332,241	\$6,584,761	Cash on Hand	\$104,570	\$1,066,791
Debts by	\$0	\$0	Debts by	\$2,060,262	\$1,511,291
NRSC			DSCC		
Receipts	\$51,924,781	\$34,181,316	Receipts	\$6,007,853	\$8,543,326
Individuals	\$49,145,341	\$30,934,255	Individuals	\$4,047,833	\$5,538,320
Non-Party	\$319,280	\$301,963	Non-Party	\$1,499,837	\$1,473,599
Disbursements	\$38,197,241	\$28,213,251	Disbursements	\$4,537,497	\$5,999,706
Contrib to Candid	\$437,081	\$342,493	Contrib to Candid	\$243,727	\$361,219
Coord. Expend	\$49,351	\$2,814	Coord. Expend	\$0	\$420,173
Contrib to Party	\$566,544	\$62,417	Contrib to Party	\$0	\$2,285
Cash on Hand	\$14,094,013	\$6,153,401	Cash on Hand	\$1,684,602	\$2,622,532
Debts by	\$407,379	\$587,427	Debts by	\$243,982	\$946,317
NRCC			DCCC		
Receipts	\$21,152,044	\$17,192,047	Receipts	\$6,775,655	\$7,765,222
Individuals	\$20,517,447	\$15,499,915	Individuals	\$4,645,002	\$3,814,341
Non-Party	\$227,912	\$386,253	Non-Party	\$1,133,316	\$1,916,216
Disbursements	\$20,931,444	\$15,156,880	Disbursements	\$6,754,339	\$7,033,069
Contrib to Candid	\$457,908	\$227,720	Contrib to Candid	\$68,741	\$124,220
Coord. Expend	\$11,350	\$146,199	Coord. Expend	\$83,233	\$255,495
Contrib to Party	\$116,741	\$10,000	Contrib to Party	\$37,820	\$44,460
Cash on Hand	\$3,112,434	\$2,310,781	Cash on Hand	\$519,866	\$791,009
Debts by	\$560,193	\$372,711	Debts by	\$559,906	\$1,322,981
Republican Total			Democratic Total		
Receipts	\$127,211,019	\$97,236,695	Receipts	\$23,575,563	\$29,267,385
Individuals	\$121,341,138	\$90,887,361	Individuals	\$17,162,920	\$19,169,568
Non-Party	\$867,216	\$978,115	Non-Party	\$3,450,069	\$4,516,159
Disbursements	\$105,597,355	\$83,889,546	Disbursements	\$22,271,864	\$25,080,493
Contrib to Candid	\$926,672	\$595,173	Contrib to Candid	\$332,968	\$485,439
Coord. Expend	\$60,701	\$149,013	Coord. Expend	\$426,581	\$675,668
Contrib to Party	\$2,356,015	\$1,735,168	Contrib to Party	\$187,441	\$85,047
Cash on Hand	\$26,538,688	\$15,048,943	Cash on Hand	\$2,109,038	\$4,480,332
Debts by	\$967,572	\$960,138	Debts by	\$2,864,150	\$3,780,589

Major Party Financial Activity Through March of the Election Year
(15-months)

<u>Republicans</u>	<u>1981-82</u>	<u>1983-84</u>	<u>1985-86</u>	<u>1987-88</u>
<u>RNC</u>				
Receipts	\$50,320,414	\$57,522,349	\$54,134,194	\$45,863,332
Disbursements	\$45,225,885	\$49,134,050	\$46,468,670	\$40,519,415
Cash on Hand	\$10,236,428	\$10,452,831	\$9,332,241	\$6,584,761
Contributions	\$56,500	\$25,230	\$31,683	\$24,960
Coord. Expend.	\$77,372	\$6,749	\$0	\$0
<u>NRSC</u>				
Receipts	\$26,382,857	\$47,130,472	\$51,294,781	\$34,181,316
Disbursements	\$21,246,890	\$36,718,239	\$38,197,241	\$28,213,251
Cash on Hand	\$5,365,969	\$11,705,356	\$14,094,013	\$6,153,401
Contributions	\$200,130	\$419,366	\$437,081	\$342,493
Coord. Expend.	\$0	\$240,736	\$49,351	\$2,914
<u>NRCC</u>				
Receipts	\$39,390,655	\$32,429,383	\$21,152,044	\$17,192,047
Disbursements	\$25,492,941	\$25,734,178	\$20,931,444	\$15,156,880
Cash on Hand	\$18,031,196	\$13,505,084	\$3,112,434	\$2,310,781
Contributions	\$676,247	\$754,245	\$457,908	\$227,720
Coord. Expend.	\$80,599	\$103,111	\$11,350	\$146,199
<u>Total Republican</u>				
Receipts	\$116,093,926	\$137,082,204	\$126,581,019	\$97,236,695
Disbursements	\$91,965,716	\$111,586,467	\$105,597,355	\$83,889,546
Cash on Hand	\$33,633,593	\$35,663,271	\$26,538,688	\$15,048,943
Contributions	\$932,877	\$1,198,841	\$926,672	\$595,173
Coord. Expend.	\$157,971	\$350,596	\$60,701	\$149,013

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