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F.E.C. AUDIT REPORT INACCURATE, OUTDATED

WASHINGTON -- An audit report issued by the Federal Election

Commission yesterday is inaccurate and out of date, according to John

Bronish, an advisor for the Dole for President Committee.

"The F.E.C. report, released yesterday, reflects activity up through September 22, 1980, and thus fails to reflect recent developments. Since that date we have submitted documentation that reduces the repayment amount to less than \$7,600. Also, we fully expect we can reduce the repayment further in the 30-day response period allowed under F.E.C. rules," said Mr. Bronish.

\$1.5 Million

"Senator Dole's presidential effort raised and spent nearly \$1.5 million. It takes a great deal of time and effort to fully document each and every expenditure. The real story is that we've gotten so much of it documented thus far. Approximately \$7,000 out of \$1.5 million is a drop in the bucket," said Bronish. "Difficulties in obtaining documentation are not unusual in any campaign. Vendors are often slow to respond," he added.

Bronish pointed out that the only other 1980 presidential candidates to be audited thus far, Congressman Phil Crane of Illinois and Governor Jerry Brown of California, also have pay back requests. "Crane has been asked to return over \$42,000 and Governor Brown over \$72,000, so it is likely that Senator Dole's amount returned will be less than most candidates," said Bronish.

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