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MEMO TO EDITORS AND CORRESPONDENTS

SEATTLE REGIONAL SEMINAR

The Federal Election Commission is holding a seminar in Seattle to help explain the new Federal campaign finance laws to Federal candidates, political committees, political parties, and other interested persons in your area.

The Seattle seminar is part of a series of 14 "Regional Seminars" sponsored by the FEC across the country.

The Commission held its first series of Regional Seminars in January, February, and March in 19 cities across the country. In its second series, the Commission is visiting cities not previously covered, and re-visiting several cities where there was more interest in information on multi-candidate committees.

Details for the Seattle seminar are as follows:

DATE: Monday, May 17, 1976

TIME: 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

LOCATION: Sheraton-Renton Inn
800 Ranier Avenue, South

PARTICIPANTS: FEC Commissioner Neil Staebler (biography enclosed), and representatives of the FEC legal, auditing, and information departments.

FORMAT: Throughout the day, there will be formal presentations, opportunities for question and answer periods, and informal workshops on detailed subjects. Information brochures will be available for distribution. Topics to be taken up include:

- The role of citizens and volunteers in federal campaigns
- Requirements for individuals becoming candidates
- Contribution and spending limitations
- Political party activity in federal campaigns
- Reporting and disclosure activities
- Fund-raising procedures and record-keeping
- The importance of voluntary compliance
- Complaint procedures

NOTE: SPECIAL PRESS BRIEFING: At 1:30 pm, a special briefing will be held for political correspondents and editorial writers to answer any questions they may have about the new federal campaign laws and the FEC.

If you have any question about the Regional Seminars, or the FEC visit to Seattle, please contact David Fiske or Susan Tifft at FEC offices in Washington (202) 382-4112.