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WASHINGTON -- Texas Governor William P. Clements; Federal Election Commission Chairman Robert O. Tiernan; B.D. Daniel, Director of Elections for Texas; Elspeth Rostow, Dean, Lyndon Baines Johnson School of Public Affairs, University of Texas; and Dr. Richard Smolka, Professor, Political Science, American University, will be the main banquet and luncheon speakers during a two-day Southwest-Plains Workshop Conference on Election Administration starting today (December 9) in Austin, Texas. Some 500 election administrators from the 10 states are registered for the series of 10 workshops.

The Conference and a simultaneous one-day Seminar on Campaign Financing are being co-sponsored by the Texas Secretary of State and the Federal Election Commission's National Clearinghouse on Election Administration.

States in the Southwest-Plains Region are Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Utah and Wyoming.

Dr. Gary Greenhalgh, Director of the National Clearinghouse, will be keynote speaker at Sunday night's opening reception. Joining him will be George W. Strake, Texas Secretary of State, FEC Chairman Tiernan and Vice-Chairman Max L. Friedersdorf.

Ten workshops will be conducted in connection with the Conference on Election Administration, starting Monday morning and running through Tuesday at the Austin Marriott Hotel. Specialists in election administration from throughout the country will serve as panelists of the various workshops.

The one-day Campaign Finance Seminar will be held Monday (December 10) in the Hilton Inn. This seminar is open to the public without charge.

Two of the six member Federal Election Commission will open the Monday morning meeting with a discussion of the Federal Election Campaign Act and a question and answer period. Morning and afternoon workshops will be conducted by FEC staff members on campaign reporting requirements and political action committee activities.

In addition to the FEC Chairman and Vice Chairman, Commissioners Joan Aikens, Frank P. Reiche, John McGarry, Harriet Robnett, Special Deputy to the Secretary of the U.S. Senate, Douglas Patton, Special Deputy to the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives and senior staff members of the Commission will conduct the workshops.