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NEW PAC GUIDE, ANNUAL REPORT PUBLISHED BY FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON -- "A Campaign Guide For Corporations and Labor Organizations" and its Annual Report for 1981 have just been published by the Federal Election Commission and are available for public distribution on request.

The Campaign Guide, one of three major election guides prepared by the FEC, explains in layman's language how corporations or labor organizations may establish and operate political committees in support of candidates for federal offices. It also discusses other federal election activities in which corporations and labor organizations may engage, explains restrictions placed on such activities, and reproduces FEC reporting forms to explain how they are to be completed.

The two election guides previously published by the FEC are "A Campaign Guide For Congressional Candidates and Committees" and "A Campaign Guide For Party Committees."

Publication of the Federal Election Commission's Annual Report, 1981, responds to a statutory requirement that the FEC make an annual report to the President and to each house of Congress, detailing its activities the previous year. Recommendations for possible changes in legislation, also required by statute, are being sent separately.

The 1981 Annual Report, the seventh since the FEC was created in 1975, includes final statistical data on campaign financing of the 1980 Presidential and Congressional campaigns. It also analyzes the major legal issues facing the Commission in 1981, citing prominent Advisory Opinions and court cases.

The Report covers other areas, including progress of work to update FEC regulations, audits, enforcement activities and work of its National Clearinghouse on Election Administration.

Another section deals with major legislation affecting the Commission's activities, and appendices summarizing statistics on FEC operations during 1981.