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FEC TO BRIEF VISITING SOVIET DELEGATION OBSERVING GENERAL ELECTIONS IN U.S.

WASHINGTON -- A six-member delegation from the Central Electoral Commission of the Soviet Union will visit the Federal Election Commission Friday, November 2, as it prepares to observe the general elections throughout the United States.

The FEC will conduct seminars designed to provide the Soviets with background information on the American electoral system and on the issues our government faces in election administration and in regulating campaigns.

The Soviet delegation will be headed by Vladimir Orlov, chairman of that country's Central Electoral Commission. In his position, he oversees many of the democratic reforms being made in the Soviet's system of campaigns and elections.

This is the fourth in a series of exchanges between the election commissions of the two countries. These have been made possible by grants from the International Foundation for Electoral Systems, a non-profit organization established to promote international understanding of democratic elections. No federal funds are being used for this exchange.

Election-related visits include Chicago and New York, with the delegates scheduled to return to the Soviet Union on November 10.

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