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HEARINGS NOTICE

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WASHINGTON - OCTOBER 31 - The Federal Election Commission will hold public hearings next week on matching funds for Presidential primary candidates.

The Hearings will be held from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm, on Tuesday, November 4, 1975, and Wednesday, November 5, 1975, at the FEC, 1325 K Street, NW, (5th floor).

The proposed regulations were published in the Federal Register on October 9, 1975. (COPY ENCLOSED)

Provisions of the regulation include definitions, candidate eligibility for payments, FEC certification, disbursement, audits, and repayment provisions.

The regulation contains three alternative proposals on the question of whether cost of fund-raising events must be deducted from the total contributions eligible for primary matching funds.

(a) no costs of fund-raising events deducted. (This provision was put into effect on October 9, 1975, as an interim guideline, pending promulgation of formal regulations).

(b) subtract costs involved in fund-raising concerts;

(c) subtract costs involved in any fund-raising "event, sale or other occurrence which confers a private benefit upon the contributor."

Witnesses scheduled to appear (as of Friday, October 31, 1975) include:

Tuesday, November 4

10:00 am	Louise Wides, Director Center for Public Financing of Elections
10:30	Mosso, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury
11:00	Alton Dauphin, Treasurer, Wallace '76 Committee
0 11:30	Robert Thomson, Counsel, Bentsen for President Committee

Wednesday, November 5

10:00	Loren Smith, Counsel, Citizens for Reagan for President Committee
10:30	Paul Loatzker, Director of Research Ralph Gerson, Staff Counsel, Democratic Natl. Committee
11:00	Anthony Harrington, Counsel, Sanford for President
11:30	Hamilton Jordan, Chairman, R.J. (Bob) Lipshutz, Treasurer, Carter for President