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SURINA NAMED TO TOP FEC POST

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission today announced that it has named John C. Surina of Fairfax, Virginia, as its new Staff Director.

He fills the Agency's highest statutory management position, formerly held by B. Allen Clutter, III, who resigned in May to accept a position in Cleveland, Ohio. The effective date of his appointment is July 25, 1983.

Mr. Surina, Assistant Managing Director of the Interstate Commerce Commission since 1980, has been with that agency in various capacities since 1973. More recently, he has been detailed to the "Reform 88" program in the Office of Management and Budget, devising projects for administrative management reform.

A native of Alexandria, Virginia, the 39 year old executive holds a Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University, and attended East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina, and American University in Washington, D.C.

The Staff Director of the FEC reports to and serves at the pleasure of the Presidentially-appointed six-member Commission. As chief operating officer of the Agency, which administers and enforces campaign finance provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act, the Staff Director manages and directs budget and financial operations, administration, personnel/labor relations, equal employment opportunities, congressional/legislative liaison and automated data processing operations.

In making today's announcement, FEC Chairman Danny L. McDonald said, "The Commission is pleased that we have been able to select as our new Staff Director an executive of such exceptional qualifications as Mr. Surina. He stands out among the hundreds of fine applicants who applied for, and were interviewed for, this position. We are confident that he will help the Commission develop and reach new high standards in our administration of the 1984 elections."

Mr. Surina, his wife Donna, and daughter Suzanne live in Burke, Virginia.