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Memorandum 86-96

Subject: Term of Office of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

At the September meeting, new officers of the Commission were elected. At that time, the Commission deferred until the October meeting a decision concerning when the terms of the new officers would commence.

The following statement is taken from the Manual of Procedures for the Commission:

The officers of the Commission are the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson. The term of office of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson is one year, commencing on December 31 of each year. No officer is eligible to succeed himself or herself in the same office in which the officer has served a full term. However, an officer who has served for less than a full term may succeed himself or herself in the same office for a full term; and, where the Chairperson is reelected to office, the incumbent Vice Chairperson is eligible for reelection even though reelection may result in the Vice Chairperson succeeding himself or herself for another full term.

When the former Chairperson was selected it was determined that he would serve for a term ending on July 1, 1986. However, because of the need to have a quorum present, the election of officers was delayed until the September meeting, and the new officers elected at the September meeting will not actually function as such until the October meeting.

One possible choice for the term of office would be that the new officers serve for term commencing on October 1, 1986, and ending on September 30, 1987. This would give the new officers a full one-year term.

The Commission is free to select whatever time it wishes for the term of the new officers to commence. One consideration, however, is the desirability of reporting in our Annual Report the election of the new officers who will hold office when the Annual Report is published

and distributed. The Annual Report usually is approved for printing at the November meeting, so electing officers for a term commencing on October 1 would be satisfy this consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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