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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN . . .

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION SWEARING IN

FRIDAY, MAY 21, 1976

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THIS IS A GOOD DAY FOR THE COUNTRY

AND FOR THE POLITICAL PROCESS IN THIS COUNTRY.

AT LONG LAST, AFTER MANY REGRETTABLE DELAYS,

WE ARE FINALLY PUTTING THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

BACK INTO BUSINESS.

~~THERE ARE, OF COURSE, SOME POLITICAL CANDIDATES
WHO WILL WELCOME THIS OCCASTON BECAUSE IT MEANS THAT CAMPAIGN
FUNDS CAN BEGIN FLOWING AGAIN.~~ *The* ~~BUT THE GREATER SIGNIFICANCE~~
OF TODAY IS THAT ONCE AGAIN WE HAVE A WATCHDOG TO ENSURE
THAT THE ELECTION PROCESS PROCEEDS AS FAIRLY AND AS HONESTLY
AS POSSIBLE -- IN FULL ACCORD WITH THE LAW.

BY THEIR ACTIONS, THE MEMBERS OF THIS COMMISSION
WHOM WE ARE SWEARING IN TODAY CAN DO A GREAT DEAL
TO BUILD AND RESTORE PUBLIC TRUST IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS.

THIS IS ONE OF THE GREATEST CONTRIBUTIONS THAT ANYONE
CAN MAKE TO PUBLIC LIFE IN AMERICA, SO ALL OF US
WISH YOU WELL AS YOU BEGIN YOUR WORK ONCE AGAIN.●

IT IS NOW MY PLEASURE TO CALL UPON
JUSTICE BRENNAN TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE.●

END OF OFFICE