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GIFFORD K. JOHNSON NAMED PRESIDENT, GRADUATE RESEARCH CENTER OF THE SOUTHWEST.

DR. LLOYD BERKNER CONTINUES TO HEAD RESEARCH AS DIRECTOR, SOUTHWEST CENTER
FOR ADVANCED STUDIES; ALSO NAMED CHAIRMAN, GRCSW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

DALLAS --

Gifford K. Johnson today was named president of the Graduate Research Center of the Southwest. His election by the Center's executive committee was announced by J. Erik Jonsson, chairman of the board of directors.

Dr. Lloyd Berkner, president of the parent Center since its chartering Feb. 14, 1961, will become chairman of the executive committee. He will continue to head the scientific program as Director, Southwest Center for Advanced Studies. SCAS is the research and teaching division; it is the largest GRCSW unit, with a faculty and staff of 201.

"Under Lloyd Berkner's guidance, the Graduate Research Center of the Southwest has assembled an eminent faculty and is conducting 31 basic research projects," said Board Chairman Erik Jonsson in the announcement.

"We face the obligation of continuing to grow -- while maintaining the same degree of excellence that has been established. We must increase and broaden the fundamental research for government and other agencies, while also getting on with another main purpose -- the strengthening of graduate education in the whole Southwest.

"This obligation now emphasizes and demands the division of general management and research management responsibilities. We have the talent, in Gifford Johnson and Lloyd Berkner, to take this timely action."

Doctor Berkner said: "I am gratified by the willingness of a person of Mr. Johnson's great experience and ability to join the top direction of the Center, for the furtherance

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of its objectives. The rapid growth of the Center has made essential this important measure, to ensure the broad effectuation of its goals in science and education."

Mr. Johnson comes to the presidency of the private, non-profit GRCSW from a lifetime of business experience in the aerospace-electronics industry, the largest technically-oriented industry in the nation, and the biggest employer of scientists and engineers.

He was president of Ling-Temco-Vought, Inc., from the time of its formation by merger of Ling-Temco Electronics, Inc., and Chance Vought Corporation, 1961-1964. He previously was president of Chance Vought, and had also served in executive and managerial posts with North American Aviation and what is now General Dynamics. He has managed large and extensive research and development programs in industry.

Known widely in Dallas, in Texas, and in Washington, Mr. Johnson has given increasing amounts of time in educational fields. During the past three years, he has been general chairman of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce's education committee and served on the Governor's Committee for Education Beyond the High School. Mr. Jonsson and President Willis M. Tate, Southern Methodist University, are other Dallas-area committee members.

Mr. Johnson is also a trustee of Southern Methodist University, and a councilor of the Texas A & M Research Foundation. Now 46, he came to Dallas from his native California in 1950, as Chance Vought production manager.

"I am delighted by my new association with the Graduate Research Center of the Southwest," said Mr. Johnson. "The Center's reputation speaks for itself. Doctor Berkner has done an illustrious job in bringing together the faculty and charting the paths of research.

"I have been privileged to remain close to the GRCSW by serving as a member of its Advisory Council since the council's inception.

"I will give considerable and immediate attention to the funding program required

for the Center. These financial requirements will be met by government grants for research, plus other grants and gifts involving individuals, foundations, and corporations, on a national scale."

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Center Founded for Basic Research, Advancement of Graduate Education in Six Southwest States.

The Graduate Research Center of the Southwest is the charter body of a unique institution -- that now has two segments. It was founded to conduct basic research and advance graduate and post-doctoral education in the Southwest -- Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. GRCSW has 65 personnel.

Its major present development is the Southwest Center for Advanced Studies. This is an organization of basic research and teaching laboratories. SCAS has 201 persons on its faculty and staff. Included are post-doctoral scientists, recently graduated, who are doing "resident" research in several fields. Many of the post-doctoral research associates may join faculties of regional universities or staffs of industrial laboratories when they complete their appointments. This function of the Center is a parallel to medical residency at a large research and teaching hospital.

The Center, through SCAS, performs basic research. Results in basic research add to knowledge. Ideas from basic research may be turned into products by industrial laboratory and engineering staffs. The Center does not develop or manufacture products for consumers.

Advanced students from regional universities may study at the Center, for the doctor's degree. This is arranged by agreement with the university concerned, at its request. The Center does not grant degrees.

Co-operative agreements with universities also provide continuing doctoral programs. In these, students work at both the Center and the home university. Center faculty members are appointed to the university faculty, and university faculty members are appointed to the Center faculty.

Individual members of the Center faculty also assist in teaching at regional universities, by temporary appointment. They conduct seminars and lectures by request.

The Center brings eminent research scientists and teachers from the world to the Southwest, for seminars and larger meetings. Regional faculty members and industrial research leaders participate in these seminars.

Total budget of the combined activities -- GRCSW and SCAS -- is \$25 million for physical plant and \$40 million for support of basic research, over the period 1963-1968. Total personnel is expected to reach nearly 1,000 in that period. The Center is located on its own 1,200 acre campus, 18 miles north of downtown Dallas. The Founders Building, its first major structure, was dedicated Oct. 29, 1964. Large industrial laboratories are expected to locate on and near the campus. The Center plans additional buildings.