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WASHINGTON -- Anticipating heightened election year press and public interest in 1979 Year End campaign finance reports of Presidential and Congressional candidates, the Federal Election Commission is extending the open hours of its Public Records Room from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays, through February 9.

Candidate and committee contributions and expenditures disclosures for 1979 are due January 31, or must be mailed by registered or certified mail postmarked before midnight that date. Reporters and political analysts are expected to view the FEC reports as a barometer of strength of individual candidates because they will show how much money has been contributed to each, and where the candidates have been spending their funds.

The FEC's Public Records Room, which is operated by the Public Disclosure Division, makes available reports both on microfilm and in paper copy, generally within 24 hours after a report is received. The Public Records Room is equipped with 10 microfilm reader-printers, 3 copy machines, and other research facilities at the Commission's headquarters at 1325 K Street, N.W. The phone number of the Public Records Room is 523-4181.