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WASHINGTON — The public will have its first opportunity to view 1981 Federal campaign finance activity with the filing of semiannual disclosure reports on July 31. In order to make the reports immediately available to the public, the Federal Election Commission has announced that its Public Records Office will be open Saturday, August 1, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The reports, due Friday, will disclose all activity which occurred during the first six months of this year.

Reports are expected from all Congressional campaigns which were involved in the 1980 general election and which continued to have financial activity after December 31, 1980. Also expected are the first reports of any Congressional campaigns which have registered for the 1982 Congressional elections.

Non-election year filings have been reduced since the enactment of amendments to the election law in January 1980. Congressional campaigns, which file quarterly in election years, are required to file only 2 reports in non-election years— one on July 31, covering January 1 through June 30, 1981, and one on January 31, 1982, covering July 1 through December 31, 1981.

The same reporting requirements apply to non-party related committees and party-related committees which reported quarterly during the election year. If these committees had reported monthly during the election year, their monthly filing status would continue into the non-election year.

Presidential campaigns which continue to operate have the option of continuing to file monthly reports on the 20th of each month, or of changing to a quarterly filing pattern, with reports filed on the 15th of April, July, & October. The last quarterly report is due, as are all year-end reports, on January 31, 1982.

Reports sent by regular mail are due by close of business July 31, 1981. Reports sent certified or registered mail must be postmarked by midnight on the 31st. Committees supporting only House candidates are first filed with the Clerk of the House; committees supporting only Senatorial candidates file their reports with the Secretary of the Senate. All reports are then sent to the FEC. Copies are on view in the Public Records Room, 1325 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.