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## FEC SETS WEEKEND OPENING TO PERMIT FILING AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF END-OF- YEAR REPORTS

WASHINGTON--Special Saturday and Sunday (Jan. 30 and 31) open hours for the Federal Election Commission's Public Records Office have been set to enable the public and press to review financial activities of Federal candidates during the final six months of 1981, and for political committees to file their end-of-year reports. The hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 12 noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

The semi-annual reports, which are due Sunday, January 31, will disclose campaign finance activities between July 1 and Dec. 31, 1981. The reports will include those of candidates in 1982 Congressional races who registered with the FEC between July 1 and Dec. 31, as well as Congressional and presidential campaigns from prior years which continued to have financial activity during the last half of 1981.

Congressional campaigns are required to file quarterly during election years, but are required to file only semi-annually--on July 31 and Dec. 31--in non-election years.

The same reporting requirements apply to party and non-party political committees which reported quarterly during the election year. Party and non-party committees which reported monthly during the election year continue their monthly filing schedule in 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 schedule with reports due on the 15th day of April, July and October, with the last quarter's report due Jan. 31 of the year following.

Reports sent by regular mail are due by close of business Sunday, Jan. 31, 1981. Reports sent by certified or registered mail must be postmarked by midnight on the 31st. Committees supporting only House candidates file with the Clerk of the House; committees supporting only Senatorial candidates file reports with the Secretary of the Senate. Those offices send the reports to the Federal Election Commission where they go on public record. Party, non-party and presidential committees file directly with the FEC where all reports may be reviewed in the Public Records Room at 1325 K St. NW.