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FEC SETS EXTENDED OPEN HOURS FOR PUBLIC/PRESS REVIEW OF REPORTS

WASHINGTON--Extended hours have been set by the Federal Election Commission beginning Columbus Day, October 11, to provide the public and press a greater opportunity to review federal campaign finance reports before the November general election.

Although Columbus Day is a Federal holiday, the Commission's Public Records Office and Public Communications Branch will be open between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to serve the public, federal candidates and political committees.

Starting Wednesday, October 13, and continuing through November 2, the Public Records Office will be open on the following schedule:

Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, 12 noon to 4 p.m.

Friday, October 15, is the filing date for third quarter reports covering campaign finance activities from July 1 through September 30. Then, on October 21, 12-day pre-general election reports are due covering the period October 1 through October 13. All House and Senate candidates seeking election in 1982, and political party and non-party committees filing quarterly are required to make these reports. Committees filing on a monthly basis and having contributed or spent independently during the period also file the pre-election reports. Also available for review in the Public Records Office will be the 48-hour notices of contributions of \$1,000 or more received by candidates between October 14 and two days before the general election.

The Federal Election Commission's Public Records Office is a library-type facility equipped with computer terminals, microfilm reader-printers, photocopying equipment and ample work space, and has a trained staff to help assist in locating documents.

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