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## FEC RELEASES NEW PAC FIGURES

WASHINGTON — The Federal Election Commission today announced that as of January 1, 1984, there were 3,525 PAC's in existence, indicating an increase of 4-1/2% over the number of PAC's registered a year ago. The average yearly increase from 1974 through 1983 has been 22.3%.

Official counts of registered PAC's are compiled by the FEC every January and July.

PAC's are viewed by many campaign finance experts as a dominant force in politics. Their numbers and the amount of money they spend in Federal campaigns have continued to increase with each election cycle; however, their rate of increase has declined.

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### "PAC" GROWTH—FROM 1974

COMMITTEE TYPE	12/31/74	11/24/75 <sup>1</sup>	5/10/76 <sup>2</sup>	12/31/76	12/31/77	12/31/78	8/79	12/31/79	7/1/80	12/31/80	7/1/81	12/31/81	7/1/82	12/31/82	7/1/83	12/31/83	7/1/84
CORPORATE	89	139	294	433	550	784	884	949	1,106	1,204	1,251	1,327	1,415	1,467	1,512	1,536	
LABOR	201	226	246	224	234	217	226	240	255	297	303	318	350	380	379	378	
TRADE/MEMBERSHIP HEALTH	318*	357*	452*	489*	438	451	481	512	542	574	577	608	613	628	641	617	
NON-CONNECTED					110	165	209	250	312	378	445	539	644	746	765	821	
COOPERATIVE					8	12	13	17	23	42	38	41	45	47	50	51	
CORPORATION W/O STOCK					20	24	27	32	41	56	64	68	82	103	114	122	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>1,146</b>	<b>1,360</b>	<b>1,653</b>	<b>1,840</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,279</b>	<b>2,551</b>	<b>2,678</b>	<b>2,901</b>	<b>3,149</b>	<b>3,371</b>	<b>3,461</b>	<b>3,525</b>	

<sup>1</sup>On November 24, 1975, the Commission issued Advisory Opinion 1975-23 "SUNPAC."

<sup>2</sup>On May 11, 1976, the President signed the Federal Election Campaign Act Amendments of 1976, P.L. 94-283.

\*For the years 1974-1976, these numbers represent all other political committees . . . no further categorization is available.