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FEC SAYS PAC'S TOP 4,000 FOR 1984

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has released its semiannual official tally of PAC's for 1984. As of December 31, 1984, there were 4,009 PAC's registered with the agency, an increase of 13% over the number in existence at the end of 1983.

Official counts of registered PAC's are compiled by the FEC twice yearly, in January and July. Figures below represent PAC growth over the past ten years.



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"PAC" GROWTH -- FROM 1974

January 1985

Date	Committee Type						Total
	Corporate	Labor	Trade/ Membership/ Health	Non- Connected	Co-op- erative	Corporation Without Stock	
12/31/74	89	201	318*				608
11/24/75 ^{1/}	139	226	357*				722
05/10/76 ^{2/}	294	246	452*				992
12/31/76	433	224	489*				1,146
12/31/77	550	234	438	110	8	20	1,360
12/31/78	784 (785)	217	451 (453)	165 (162)	12	24	1,653
08/00/79	884 (885)	226	481 (483)	209 (206)	13	27	1,840
12/31/79	949 (950)	240	512 (514)	250 (247)	17	32	2,000
07/01/80	1,106 (1,107)	255	542 (544)	312 (309)	23	41	2,279
12/31/80	1,204 (1,206)	297	574 (576)	378 (374)	42	56	2,551
07/01/81	1,251 (1,253)	303	577 (579)	445 (441)	38	64	2,678
12/31/81	1,327 (1,329)	318	608 (614)	539 (531)	41	68	2,901
07/01/82	1,415 (1,417)	350	613 (627)	644 (628)	45	82	3,149
12/31/82	1,467 (1,469)	380	628 (649)	746 (723)	47	103	3,371
07/01/83	1,512 (1,514)	379	641 (664)	765 (740)	50	114	3,461
12/31/83	1,536 (1,538)	378	617 (643)	821 (793)	51	122	3,525
07/01/84	1,639 (1,642)	381	628 (662)	977 (940)	53	125	3,803
12/31/84	1,682	394	698	1,053	52	130	4,009

^{1/} On November 24, 1975, the Commission issued Advisory Opinion 1975-23 "SUNPAC".

^{2/} 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.

** Values for 12/31/84, include corrections to classifications of 43 committees previously included in the Non-Connected category which are actually separated segregated funds of corporations and membership organizations. Corrected values for previous years appear in parentheses for this release. Future publications will contain only corrected values.