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WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission today released its first detailed interim report on national, state, and local political parties for the 1981-82 election cycle.

The information is part of a four-volume study entitled FEC Reports on Financial Activity: 1981-82 Interim Report No. 2, Party and Non-Party Political Committees.

According to the summary figures, GOP committees continue to hold the lead both in raising and spending money. They have raised six-and-one-half times the amount Democrats have raised and have spent five-and-one-half times more money.

Based on 18-month studies of the 1978, 1980, and 1982 election cycles, the following comparisons may be made:

	<u>Raised</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>June 30 Cash-on-Hand</u>
<u>1982</u>			
Democrats	\$ 24.8	\$ 24.2	\$ 3.0
Republicans	\$161.2	\$134.1	\$33.8
<u>1980</u>			
Democrats	\$ 17.5	\$ 15.5	\$ 2.7
Republicans	\$ 96.1	\$ 83.1	\$17.9
<u>1978</u>			
Democrats	\$ 14.4	\$ 13.6	\$ 2.0
Republicans	\$ 49.6	\$ 42.4	\$ 8.5

(figures in millions of dollars)

The Interim Report will be available October 18th, from the FEC Public Records Office, 1325 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463. Volumes may be purchased for \$5 each. Volumes I and II contain information on political party activity. Volumes III and IV pertain only to PAC's.

The attached chart provides summary information taken from the first volume. Some of the committee categories have been changed for this press release. Therefore, figures found on the attached chart may differ from those in the volumes.

