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FEC ISSUES SECOND REPORT OF COMPLIANCE ACTIONS

WASHINGTON - DECEMBER 9 - The Federal Election Commission today issued its second monthly report of "closed or terminated" cases involving alleged violations of the federal campaign finance law.

The report contains details of the alleged violations, Commission investigations, Commission actions, if any, and compliance with Commission recommendations.

The Federal Election Campaign Act (FECA) empowers the Commission to "conduct investigations and hearings...to encourage voluntary compliance (with the law), and to report apparent violations to the appropriate enforcement authorities."

Names have been withheld because the law requires the Commission to keep confidential the identity of any individual, committee or organization involved in a compliance action, unless that party consents in writing to the Commission to having it made public.

The cases listed in the report involve the following 1975 "Compliance Actions" (CA), and Commission recommendations:

I. COMPLIANCE ACHIEVED:

-----CA #13: Literature soliciting contributions on behalf of a political committee failed to include the required notice that a copy of its financial report is filed and available to the public at the FEC. Since the committee stated that the omission would not be repeated, and was not "deliberate", the Commission considered compliance satisfactorily achieved.

II. NO VIOLATION:

-----CA #10: A political committee received campaign contributions from individuals over the individual per election \$1,000 limit, but not in excess of \$2,000. The Committee said it received twelve \$2,000 donations, and allocated \$1,000 of each to the primary election and \$1,000 to the general election. The FEC determined that acceptance of a \$2,000 contribution where the funds are to be equally divided between the primary and the general election is permitted under the law.

-----CA #26: An assertion was made that officers of a corporation were "actively directing" the manner in which voluntary contributions to a "separate segregated fund" were distributed. The Commission accepted the General Counsel's report that this activity was not in violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

-----CA #36: Political committee received \$30,000 from a union political action committee and transferred \$20,000 and \$10,000 to the campaign committees of two candidates. The committee noted, however, that the contributions were to retire 1974 campaign debts. Since the Commission has ruled that contributions to retire pre-1975 debts are not subject to the new contribution limits, the FEC determined that no violation of the law had occurred.

-----CA #75: An assertion was made that a university made an illegal corporate contribution by providing copies of a regional alumni list to a political committee without charge. Since the list of alumni is available to any alumnus, and was given to the committee by an alumnus, the Commission determined that both the University and the alumnus were not in violation of the law.

NO JURISDICTION

-----CA #39: An employee of a candidate for Federal office misappropriated campaign funds. The money was returned, however, and the complainant did not wish to pursue the matter. Since the case falls outside FEC jurisdiction, it was transmitted to the Department of Justice.

-----CA's #44, 45, 47, 48: Assertions were made that various state committees supporting candidates for President and Vice-President were harassed by law enforcement authorities. This matter falls outside FEC jurisdiction and the case was transmitted to the Justice Department.