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FEC RELEASES FIVE INVESTIGATIVE FILES

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on five matters it has had under review (MURs). This release contains only summary information. Closed files should be thoroughly read for details, including FEC's legal analysis, of the MUR. Summary files of the closed cases are available in the Office of Public Records. They are as follows:

MUR NO.

1. 2036/Pre-Mur 140

RESPONDENTS: (a) Bekins Company, Thomas J. Epley, Chief Executive Officer (CA);
(b) Albert Labinger (OR);
(c) Roger Lee (CA);
(d) Ronald Hartman (CA);
(e) Richard Morse (CA);
(f) Jack Foti (CA);
(g) Louis Friedman (CA);
(h) Ernest Gallego (CA);
(i) Norman Kent (CA);
(j) Gary Klein (CA);
(k) Joseph P. Noga (CA);
(l) Phillip S. Scott (CA);
(m) Shannon Sesmas (CA);
(n) George Smith (CA);
(o) Joel Yachzel (CA);
(p) Philip E. Berlin (CA)

COMPLAINANT: Kenneth W. Oder, Counsel for Bekins Co., Minstar, Inc., (parent corporation to Bekins Co.), and Irwin Jacobs

SUBJECT: Contributions made in the name of another; corporate contributions

DISPOSITION: (a) Conciliation agreement: \$4,000 civil penalty*
(b) Conciliation agreement: \$4,500 civil penalty*
(c) U.S. District Court Consent Order: \$5,000 civil penalty*
(d) Conciliation agreement: \$2,000 civil penalty*
(e) Conciliation agreement: \$1,000 civil penalty*
(f) Conciliation agreement: \$250 civil penalty*
(g) "Reason to believe but take no further action"*
(h) Conciliation agreement: \$250 civil penalty*
(i) Conciliation agreement: \$250 civil penalty*
(j) Conciliation agreement: \$250 civil penalty*
(k) Conciliation agreement: \$250 civil penalty*
(l) "Reason to believe but take no further action"*
(m) Conciliation agreement: \$250 civil penalty*
(n) "Reason to believe but take no further action"*
(o) Conciliation agreement: \$250 civil penalty*
(p) "Reason to believe but take no further action"*

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2. 2256

RESPONDENTS: (a) Taylor Congressional Committee, Richard L. Smith, treasurer (SC);
(b) Clarence E. Taylor (SC);
(c) Bishop, Bryant & Associates, Inc. (DC);
(d) WAGT-TV (GA);
(e) WRDW-TV (GA);
(f) WJBF-TV (GA);
(g) WYFF-TV (SC);
(h) WHNS-TV (SC);
(i) WSPA-TV (SC)
COMPLAINANT: Barry C. Robinson (SC)
SUBJECT: Failure to file disclosure reports or debt settlements; corporate contributions
DISPOSITION: (a) "Probable cause to believe;" Civil lawsuit withdrawn without prejudice because treasurer could not be located.
(b) "No reason to believe"*
(c) Found reason to believe, investigated, but took no further action*
(d) "No reason to believe"*
(e) "No reason to believe"*
(f) "No reason to believe"*
(g) "No reason to believe"*
(h) "No reason to believe"*
(i) "No reason to believe"*

3. 2537

RESPONDENTS: Gerald R. Ford - New Leadership Committee, Sharyn J. Sheldon, treasurer (CA)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated
SUBJECT: Acceptance of prohibited contributions
DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: \$1,500 civil penalty*

4. 2614

RESPONDENTS: New York Republican County Committee, Anne Farley, treasurer (NY)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated
SUBJECT: Acceptance of corporate, and excessive contributions
DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: \$800 civil penalty*

5. 2748

RESPONDENTS: (a) Concerned Citizens for Responsible Government, Inc., Jim Hines, treasurer (NE);
(b) Friends of Dave Karnes, Jon Hoffmaster, treasurer (NE);
(c) Nebraska Republican Federal Campaign Committee, Dale E. LeBaron, treasurer (NE)
COMPLAINANT: Kerry for United States Senate Committee, Bill Hoppner, Chairman (NE)
SUBJECT: Independent expenditures
DISPOSITION: (a) "No reason to believe"*
(b) "No reason to believe"*
(c) "No reason to believe"*

*Following a complaint, the FEC may make a "reason to believe" finding which may trigger an investigation. Subsequently, the FEC may find "probable cause to believe" violation(s) occurred. An affirmative vote of at least four Commissioners is required for any action. At this stage the conciliation process could begin. If conciliation fails the FEC may institute a civil action for relief. The Commission may close a case at any point. For a complete explanation of the enforcement process - contact the FEC Press Office.

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