

# FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION



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## FEC RELEASES EIGHT INVESTIGATIVE FILES

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

### MUR NO.

1. 2565

RESPONDENTS: (a) Hugo Dunhill Mailing Lists, Inc. (NY);  
(b) The ListBank, Inc. (IL);  
(c) Advanced Management Systems, Inc. (now known as P&L Direct Mail Marketing Group) (CA)

COMPLAINANT: E. Mark Braden, Chief Counsel, Republican National Committee (DC)

SUBJECT: Improper use of contributor information

DISPOSITION: (a) Conciliation agreement: \$1,000 civil penalty\*  
(b) Find reason to believe but took no further action\*  
(c) Find reason to believe but took no further action\*

2. 2599

RESPONDENTS: Dyson for Congress Committee, Marion R. Fedas, treasurer (MD)

COMPLAINANT: Mark Frazer, Chairman, 1st Congressional District Republican Committee (MD)

SUBJECT: Erroneous disclosure of financial activity

DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: \$3,000 civil penalty\*

3. 2883

RESPONDENTS: Montgomery Ward & Co., Incorporated Political Action Committee (AKA Ward PAC), Charles H. Knittle, treasurer (IL)

COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated

SUBJECT: Failure to file disclosure reports timely; failure to notify the FEC of change in filing frequency

DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: \$1,600 civil penalty\*

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4. 2920

RESPONDENTS: (a) Representative Benjamin L. Cardin (MD);  
(b) Ben Cardin for Congress, Mark D. Dopkin,  
treasurer (MD);  
(c) Friends of Ben Cardin I, Mark D. Dopkin,  
treasurer (MD);  
COMPLAINANT: Ross Z. Pierpont, M.D. (MD)  
SUBJECT: Failure to register and report; failure to report and  
itemize transfers  
DISPOSITION: (a) No reason to believe\*  
(b)&(c) Joint conciliation agreement: \$250 civil  
penalty\*

5. 2963

RESPONDENTS: National Association for Uniformed Services PAC, James W.  
Bradbury, treasurer (VA)  
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated  
SUBJECT: Failure to file disclosure report timely  
DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: \$150 civil penalty\*

6. 2967

RESPONDENTS: Ohio Democratic Party Federal Campaign Account, Gary R.  
Elsass, treasurer (OH)  
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated  
SUBJECT: Failure to file disclosure report timely  
DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: \$2,000 civil penalty\*

7. 2995

RESPONDENTS: (a) Friends of Harriett Wieder, Greg Weiler,  
treasurer (CA)  
(b) James Warmington (CA)  
COMPLAINANT: Shirley L. Grindle (CA)  
SUBJECT: Excessive contribution; failure to file disclosure  
reports  
DISPOSITION: (a) Reason to believe but took no further action\*  
(b) No reason to believe\*

8. 3006

RESPONDENTS: Oregon Republican Party, Nancy E. Steinhoff, treasurer  
(OR)  
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated  
SUBJECT: Failure to file disclosure report timely  
DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: \$375 civil penalty\*

\*Following a complaint, the FEC may make a "reason to believe" finding  
which may trigger an investigation. Subsequently, the FEC may find  
a "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.