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FEC RELEASES SIX INVESTIGATIVE FILES

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on six 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 Public Records Office. They are as follows:

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MUR NO.

1. 1818

RESPONDENTS: (a) Ingham County Democratic Federal Campaign Fund (MI);
(b) Friends of Bob Carr, Dennis M. Ritter, treasurer (MI);
(c) Riegle for Senate in '82 Committee, M.P. Patten, treasurer (MI);
(d) Howard Wolpe Campaign Committee, Wayne M. Deering, treasurer (MI);

COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated

SUBJECT: Excessive contributions; failure to file disclosure reports timely; failure to report complete contribution information

DISPOSITION: (a) Conciliation agreement: $2,000 civil penalty*
(b) Conciliation agreement: $250 civil penalty*
(c) Reason to believe but take no further action*
(d) Conciliation agreement: $250 civil penalty*
(This case was closed in 1986)

2. 1866

RESPONDENTS:
(a) New York State Conservative Party State Committee/1984 Victory Fund, Vincent G. Downing, Jr., treasurer (NY);
(b) Sullivan for Senate Committee, Joseph M. Sussillo, treasurer (NY)

COMPLAINANT: Muriel F. Siebert and Whitney North Seymour, Jr. (NY)

SUBJECT: Excessive contributions; failure to disclose in-kind contribution

DISPOSITION: (a) U.S. District Court Final Consent Order and Judgement: $15,000*
(b) Conciliation agreement: $5,000 civil penalty*

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3. 3055

RESPONDENTS: Friends of Senator David Karnes Committee, Jon D. Hoffmaster, treasurer (NE)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated
SUBJECT: Excessive contributions
DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: $1,000 civil penalty*

4. 3060/3052

RESPONDENTS: (a) Scott E. Sidwell (NE);
(b) Sidwell for Congress, Mary S. Berglund, treasurer (NE);
(c) Loup County Democrats, Dan Morgan, Chairman (NE);
(d) The D.R.I.V.E. Committee of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America (NE);
(e) Hall County Democrats, Glen A. Murray, Chairman (NE)
COMPLAINANT: Bill Haivala (NE)
SUBJECT: Excessive contributions; failure to disclose in-kind contributions
DISPOSITION: (a)-(e) No reason to believe*

5. 3116

RESPONDENTS: Democratic Party of Oklahoma, Maxine F. McFalls, treasurer (OK)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated
SUBJECT: Failure to file disclosure report timely
DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: $750 civil penalty*

6. 3120

RESPONDENTS: National Republican Senatorial Committee, James L. Hagen, treasurer (DC)
COMPLAINANT: Gary J. LaPaille, Chairman, Democratic Party of Illinois (IL)
SUBJECT: Disclaimer
DISPOSITION: 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 in federal court. 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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