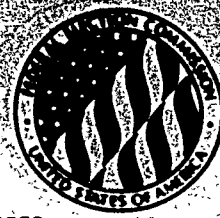


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FEC RELEASES FOUR INVESTIGATIVE FILES

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on four 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:

MUR NO.

1. 3097

RESPONDENTS: (a) Louis DuPont Smith (PA);
(b) Louis DuPont Smith for Congress, Philip Valenti,
treasurer (PA)
COMPLAINANT: Samuel C. Stretton (PA)
SUBJECT: Excessive contribution
DISPOSITION: (a)&(b) No reason to believe*

2. 3098/3051/Pre-MUR 229

RESPONDENTS: National Republican Senatorial Committee (and its projects the "Republican Presidential Task Force" and the "Candidate Escrow Funding"), James L. Hagen, treasurer (DC)
COMPLAINANT: Referral from Federal Trade Commission; and correspondence from the Massachusetts and New York Attorney General's Offices, and the Connecticut Secretary of State's Office; James M. Beck (PA)
SUBJECT: Direct mail contribution solicitations; contributions in the name of another; misreporting of expenditures; excessive contributions and expenditures
DISPOSITION: (1) Reason to believe but rejected General Counsel's recommendation and took no further action* (re: misreporting)
(2) No reason to believe* (re: other allegations in case)

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3. 3105

RESPONDENTS: (a) Mike Pence (IN);
(b) The People for Mike Pence, Michael W. Redford, treasurer (IN);
(c) Indianapolis Auto Auction, Inc. (IN);
(d) Auto Dealers for Pence, Gary Pedigo, Chairman, and Ray Skillman (IN)
COMPLAINANT: Richard Bates, Executive Director, Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DC)
SUBJECT: Corporate contributions; disclaimer; failure to register and report
DISPOSITION: (a) No reason to believe*
(b)(1) Reason to believe but take no further action* (re: corporate contributions)
(2) No reason to believe* (re: disclaimer)
(c) Reason to believe but take no further action* (re: corporate contributions)
(d) No reason to believe*

4. 3137/3077/3074

RESPONDENTS: (a) Re-Elect Senator Mark Hatfield Committee, Loren D. Hicks, treasurer (OR);
(b) Oregon Republican Party, Rachael Gerber, treasurer (OR);
(c) Unregistered conduit committee, Gladys Seufert, treasurer (OR)
COMPLAINANT: Robert F. Bauer and B. Holly Schadler, Counsel, Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee (DC); Charles P. Duffy (OR); and FEC Initiated
SUBJECT: Excessive contributions; failure to report contribution redesignations, amend statement of organization, disclose fundraising activity, or refund corporate contributions timely; failure to register and report
DISPOSITION: (a) Reason to believe but rejected General Counsel's recommendation and took no further action*
(b)&(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 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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