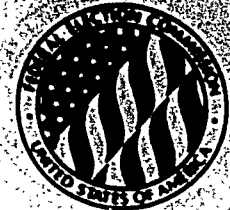


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FEC RELEASES FOUR INVESTIGATIVE FILES

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. 2719

RESPONDENTS: (a) Populist Party of the United States, Faye Miller, treasurer (AL);
(b) William Shearer (CA);
(c) Nancy Shearer (CA)

COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated

SUBJECT: Failure to disclose contributions; failure to properly forward contributions; unauthorized disbursements

DISPOSITION: (a) Conciliation agreement: \$100 civil penalty*
(b) Conciliation agreement: \$1000 civil penalty*
(c) Conciliation agreement: \$150 civil penalty*

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2. 3113

RESPONDENTS: (a) Jim Moran for Congress Committee, Suzanne Conrad, treasurer (VA);
(b) James Moran (VA);
(c) Del Ray Democratic Club, Kenneth E. Labowitz, treasurer (VA);
(d) Hubert N. Hoffman (VA);
(e) Commonwealth Service and Supply Corporation (VA);
(f) Armand's Chicago Pizzeria (VA);
(g) Pike, Inc. (VA);
(h) Plenty of Clams, Inc. (VA);
(i) Times Enterprises, Inc. (VA)

COMPLAINANT: Anne R. Keast, Chairman, 8th District Republican Party (VA)

SUBJECT: Excessive contributions; corporate contributions; use of state PAC funds for federal campaigns

DISPOSITION: (a)-(i) No reason to believe*

3. 3179

RESPONDENTS: Steve Neal For Congress Committee, A. Bruce Levin, treasurer (NC)

COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated

SUBJECT: Failure to file 48-hour contribution notices timely

DISPOSITION: Reason to believe but took no further action*

4. 3217

RESPONDENTS: Illinois Federation for Right to Life PAC, George Belock, treasurer (IL)

COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated

SUBJECT: Excessive and impermissible contributions

DISPOSITION: Reason to believe and closed file*

*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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