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FEC RELEASES NINE INVESTIGATIVE FILES

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on nine 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. 2335

RESPONDENTS: (a) Democratic State Central Committee, Connecticut (federal and non-federal accounts, Maureen G. Satti, treasurer (CT);
(b) Congressman Bruce A. Morrison Re-Election Committee, Eric Malchodi, treasurer (CT);
(c) Jane Morrison (CT)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated
SUBJECT: Excessive contributions and expenditures; failure to accurately report; improper transfer
DISPOSITION: (a) Conciliation agreement: \$5,000 civil penalty*
(b) Conciliation agreement: \$2,250 civil penalty*
(c) Conciliation agreement: \$1,000 civil penalty*

2. 2559

RESPONDENTS: (a) National Republican Congressional Committee, Jack McDonald, treasurer (DC);
(b) Oregon Republican Party, Rachel Gerber, treasurer (OR)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated
SUBJECT: Excessive contribution or expenditure; failure to amend Statement of Organization
DISPOSITION: (a) Rejected General Counsel's recommendation to find reason to believe*
(b) Conciliation agreement: \$4,500 civil penalty*

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3. 2560

RESPONDENTS: (a) Fifth Congressional District Democratic Committee, Donald Riger, treasurer (MI);
(b) Michigan Democratic State Central Committee, Lawrence B. Deitch, treasurer (MI)

COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated

SUBJECT: Prohibited funds transfer; failure to designate treasurer; failure to file disclosure reports; failure to file and amend Statement of Organization

DISPOSITION: (a) Conciliation agreement: \$250 civil penalty*
(b)(1) Reason to believe but rejected General Counsel's probable cause to believe finding and took no further action* [re: filing Statement of Organization and disclosure reports];
(2) No probable cause to believe* [re: prohibited funds transferred]

4. 2677

RESPONDENTS: (a) Rosemary Pooler (NY);
(b) Friends of Rosemary Pooler, Sharon Sherman, treasurer (NY);
(c) Friends of Rosemary Pooler '88, James M. Hanley, treasurer (NY);
(d) Eagan Real Estate Co. (NY);
(e) Lumbermens Mutual Casualty Co. (IL)

COMPLAINANT: Joseph Gaylord, Executive Director, National Republican Congressional Committee (DC)

SUBJECT: In-kind corporate contributions; personal use of campaign funds

DISPOSITION: (a)(1) Reason to believe but took no further action* (re: contributions)
(2) Rejected General Counsel's reason to believe recommendation (re: personal use)
(b) Reason to believe but took no further action*
(c) Reason to believe but took no further action*
(d) Reason to believe but took no further action*
(e) Reason to believe but took no further action on General Counsel's probable cause recommendation *

5. 2876

RESPONDENTS: (a) Representative Don Ritter (PA);
(b) Lehigh Valley Citizens for Don Ritter, Betty S. Gates, treasurer (PA)

COMPLAINANT: Richard J. Orloski (PA)

SUBJECT: Failure to disclose bank account and contribution identification

DISPOSITION: (a) Rejected General Counsel's reason to believe find and took no action*
(b) Reason to believe but took no further action*

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6. 3002

RESPONDENTS: Pete du Pont for President, Inc., Frank A. Ursomarso,
treasurer (DE)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated
SUBJECT: Exceeded Iowa state expenditure limit
DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: \$2,500 civil penalty*

7. 3044

RESPONDENTS: Richman for Congress Committee, Gerald F. Richman,
treasurer (FL)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated
SUBJECT: Failure to file 48-hour contribution reports timely;
failure to disclose required contribution information
DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: \$3,000 civil penalty*

8. 3117/3011

RESPONDENTS: (a) Congressman Wright Appreciation Committee, Henry
Kerry, treasurer (TX);
(b) Majority Congress Committee, Robert N. Reeves,
treasurer (DC);
(c) Wright Appreciation Fund, W. Edwin Youngblood,
treasurer (TX)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated
SUBJECT: Excessive and prohibited contributions; failure to file
complete reports to support joint fundraising proceeds;
failure to refund or reallocate prohibited
contributions and excessive timely
DISPOSITION: (a)-(c) Joint conciliation agreement: \$15,000 civil
penalty*

9. 3136

RESPONDENTS: Salomon Brothers Inc. Political Action Committee,
William J. Jennings, treasurer (NY)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated
SUBJECT: Excessive contributions; inaccurate reporting
DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: \$1,250 civil penalty*

*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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