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FEC RELEASES TWO INVESTIGATIVE FILES

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on two 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. 3146

RESPONDENTS: (a) Nita Lowey for Congress, Aaron Eidelman, treasurer (NY);

(b) Representative Nita Lowey (NY)

COMPLAINANT: Aldo Vitagliano (NY)

SUBJECT: Failure to file 48-hour disclosure reports

DISPOSITION: (a) Conciliation agreement: \$3,500 civil penalty*
(b) No reason to believe*

2. 3178

RESPONDENTS: (a) Handgun Control, Inc. (DC);
(b) Handgun Control Political Action Committee, Edward O. Welles, treasurer (DC)

COMPLAINANT: Absalom F. Jordan, Jr. (VA)

SUBJECT: Solicitations

DISPOSITION: (a)-(b) Dismissed the complaint*

*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.
