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FEC RELEASES ONE INVESTIGATIVE FILE

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on one matter it has had under review (MUR). 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 closed cases are available in the Public Records Office. It is as follows:

MUR NO.

1. 3135/3131

COMPLAINANT: Roger M. Witten, Carol F. Lee and W. Hardy Callcott, counsel to Common Cause (DC) [3135]; Robert F. Bauer and Melissa H. Maxman, counsel to the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee (DC) [3131]

SUBJECT: Excessive party contributions; joint fundraising

RESPONDENTS: (1) National Republican Senatorial Committee, James L. Hagen, treasurer (DC);
(2) Republican Senatorial Inner Circle 1990, James L. Hagen, treasurer (DC);
(3) Republican Senatorial Inner Circle 1990-91, James L. Hagen, treasurer (DC);
(4) Senator Don Nickles (OK);
(5) Senator Ben Bagert Committee To Put Louisiana First, Carroll M. Chiasson, treasurer (LA);
(6) Missourians for Kit Bond - 1992, Charlotte Musgrave, treasurer (MO);
(7) People for Boschwitz '90, David S. Sommers, treasurer (MN);
(8) Jane Brady for U.S. Senate, James McC. Geddes, treasurer (DE);
(9) Hank Brown for U.S. Senate, Melvin D. Flowers, treasurer (CO);
(10) Conrad Burns/U.S. Senate, Jim Swain, treasurer (MT);
(11) Friends of Bill Cabiniss, Lee J. Styslinger, Jr., treasurer (AL);
(12) Senator Chafee Committee, John S. Renza, Jr., treasurer (RI);
(13) Dan Coats for U.S. Senate, Douglas P. Long, treasurer (IN);
(14) Citizens for Cochran, B. Keith Hill, treasurer (MS);
(15) Cohen for Senator, Merton G. Henry, treasurer (ME);
(16) Craig for U.S. Senate, Richard W. Jackson, treasurer (ID);
(17) Dan Daly for U.S. Senate Committee, Martha Allan Hawn, treasurer (MA);
(18) Friends of Senator D'Amato, Jack Libert, treasurer (NY);
(19) Hal Daub for Senate, Vernon E. Dolleck, treasurer (NE);
(20) John Domenech/U.S. Senate, James L. Carney, treasurer (MT);
(21) People for Pete Domenici, Irvin F. Diamond, treasurer (NM);
(22) Durant for Senate, Ronald Dahlke, treasurer (MI);
(23) Durenberger '94 Volunteer Committee, Delwyn Olson, treasurer (MN);
(24) Montanans for Farrell, Harold M. Nelson, treasurer (MT);
(25) Senator Jake Garn Re-election Committee, Robert E. Miller, treasurer (UT);

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- (26) Friends of Slade Gorton 1988, Robert E. Story, treasurer (WA);
- (27) Friends of Slade Gorton 1994, Robert E. Story, treasurer (WA);
- (28) Friends of Phil Gramm A/R/A The Texas Presidential Gala, Donald R. White, treasurer (TX);
- (29) Re-elect Senator Mark O. Hatfield Committee, Loren Hicks, treasurer (OR);
- (30) People for John Heinz, Abe H. Frumkin, treasurer (PA);
- (31) Helms for Senate, Elisabeth W. Smith, treasurer (NC);
- (32) Jeffords for Vermont Committee, Deborah Banse, treasurer (VT);
- (33) Jim Jones for Idaho Committee, Eugene D. Frederickson, treasurer (ID);
- (34) Kasten for Senate Committee, John Sturm, treasurer (WI);
- (35) Kolstad for U.S. Senate, Jeanne Amsberry, treasurer (MT);
- (36) Trent Lott for Mississippi, Thomas S. Leatherbury, treasurer (MS);
- (37) Friends of Dick Lugar, Robert T. Grand, treasurer (IN);
- (38) Friends of Connie Mack, Robert I. Watkins, treasurer (FL);
- (39) Lynn Martin for Senate, Daniel J. Nicholas, treasurer (IL);
- (40) John McCain Reelection Committee, Thomas R. Holtrup, treasurer (AZ);
- (41) McConnell Senate Committee '90, Larry J. Steinberg, treasurer (KY);
- (42) Re-elect Senator Frank Murkowski, John O. Daly, treasurer (AK);
- (43) Friends of Senator Nickles, Joey Bradford, treasurer (OK);
- (44) Re-elect Packwood Committee, Geoffrey D. Brown, treasurer (OR);
- (45) Friends of Larry Pressler, Paul Arneson, treasurer (SD);
- (46) Jim Rappaport for Senate, Vincent J. Santoro, treasurer (MA);
- (47) Saiki in '90 Committee, Glenn Nonaka, treasurer (HI);
- (48) Friends of Claudine, John Conforti, treasurer (RI);
- (49) Bill Schuette for U.S. Senate, Joseph K. Knollenberg, treasurer (MI);
- (50) Simpson Senate Committee 1990, Karen E. McCreery, treasurer (WY);
- (51) Bob Smith for U.S. Senate, Muriel T. McNulty, treasurer (NH);
- (52) Citizens for Arlen Specter, Stephen J. Harmelin, treasurer (PA);
- (53) Stevens for Senate Committee, Timothy A. McKeever, treasurer (AK);
- (54) Steve Symms for Senate, Richard L. Buxton, treasurer (ID);
- (55) Iowans for Tauke, Sharon R. Winner, treasurer (IA);
- (56) Re-elect Thurmond Committee, John E. Courson, treasurer (SC);
- (57) Bruce Vorhauer for U.S. Senate Committee, James E. Cowan, treasurer (MT);
- (58) Wallop Senate Drive '88, John S. Wold, treasurer (WY);
- (59) Senator John Warner 1990 Committee, Robert W. Lauterberg, treasurer (VA);
- (60) Christine Whitman for U.S. Senate, Ann W. West, treasurer (NJ);

DISPOSITION: (a) No reason to believe* [finding for respondents 4, 17, 20, 22, 24, 26, 33, and 57]
 (b) Rejected General Counsel's recommendations and instead found no reason to believe* [for all other respondents]

*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.