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FEC RELEASES THREE INVESTIGATIVE FILES

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on three 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 closed cases are available in the Public Records Office. They are as follows:

MUR NO.

23760600346
1. 1602/1596

RESPONDENTS: (a) Republican National Independent Expenditure Committee (RNIEC), Rodney A. Smith, treasurer (DC);
(b) National Republican Senatorial Committee (DC);
(c) Senator John Heinz (deceased)(PA);
(d) Dan Evans Senate Committee (WA)

COMPLAINANT: Common Cause (DC) [1596]; Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee and Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DC) [1602]

SUBJECT: Affiliation; excessive contributions; independent expenditures

DISPOSITION: (a)&(b) No probable cause*
(c)&(d) No reason to believe*

2. 3369

RESPONDENTS: Curry for Congress, Vincent G. Thomas, treasurer (VA)

COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated

SUBJECT: Excessive contributions; contributions by a foreign national; inaccurate disclosure

DISPOSITION: Reason to believe but take no further action*

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3. 3567

RESPONDENTS: (a) Lily Chen for Congress, Paul Chen, treasurer (CA);
(b) Paul Chen (CA)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated
SUBJECT: Excessive contributions
DISPOSITION: (a)&(b) Reason to believe but took no further action*

*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 of the six 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. 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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