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FEC RELEASES TWO INVESTIGATIVE FILES

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on two matters previously 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 case. Please see footnote at the end of this release. Closed MUR files are available in the Public Records Office. They are as follows:

MUR NO.

1. 3551

RESPONDENTS: (a) Committee to Elect Bea Herbert, Janet Van Boxtel, treasurer (CA);
(b) Beatrice Herbert (CA)
COMPLAINANT: Stephen B. Thorne (CA)
SUBJECT: Disclaimer; failure to file disclosure statements
DISPOSITION: (a) (1) Reason to believe but take no further action* [re: disclaimer]
(2) No reason to believe* [re: disclosure]
(b) No reason to believe*

2. 3777

RESPONDENTS: Committee to Elect Dr. James Lewis to Congress, Margaret Z. Beard, treasurer (AL)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated
SUBJECT: Failure to file 48-hour contribution notices
DISPOSITION: Reason to believe but take no further action, other than sending an admonishment letter*

*There are four administrative stages to the FEC enforcement process:
1. Receipt of proper complaint
2. "Reason to believe" stage
3. "Probable cause" stage
4. Conciliation stage
It takes the votes of at least four of the six Commissioners to take any action. The FEC can close a case at any point after reviewing a complaint. If a violation is found and conciliation cannot be reached, then the FEC can institute a civil court action against a respondent.

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