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FEC RELEASES FOUR INVESTIGATIVE FILES

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on four 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. 2546/2174

RESPONDENTS: The Helms Committee, Mark L. Stephens, treasurer (NC)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated
SUBJECT: Excessive contributions
DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: \$25,000 civil penalty*

2. 3735

RESPONDENTS: John Jones for Congress Committee, Albert V. Schulze, treasurer (PA)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated
SUBJECT: Failure to file 48-hour contribution notice
DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: \$3,000 civil penalty*

3. 3746

RESPONDENTS: Hilliard for Congress Campaign, James H. Parker, treasurer (AL)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated
SUBJECT: Failure to file 48-hour contribution notices
DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: \$5,375 civil penalty*

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RESPONDENTS: John Lewis for Congress Committee, Lillian M. Lewis,
treasurer (GA)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated
SUBJECT: Failure to file 48-hour contribution notices
DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: \$4,500 civil penalty*

*There are four administrative stages to the FEC enforcement process:

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| 1. Receipt of proper complaint | 3. "Probable cause" stage |
| 2. "Reason to believe" 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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