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FEC RELEASES TWO COMPLIANCE CASES

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. 3183

RESPONDENTS: (a) Insurance Coalition of America, Inc. (CA);
(b) Insurance Coalition of America Political Action Committee (INCA-PAC), Lynda L. Regan, treasurer (CA);
(c) GSL Holding Corp., as successor in interest to The Regan Group Insurance Marketing Company (CA)

COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated

SUBJECT: Failure to register; failure to establish a separate depository; failure to file disclosure reports timely; corporate contributions

DISPOSITION: (a)&(b) Joint conciliation agreement: \$30,000 civil penalty [re: all of the above]*
(c) Conciliation agreement: \$11,000 civil penalty [re: corporate contributions]*

2. 3522

RESPONDENTS: (a) Friends for Bryan, Michael W. Kern, treasurer (NV);
(b) Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, Donald J. Foley, treasurer (DC);
(c) Nevada Democratic State Committee, Debbie Todd Johnson, treasurer (NV);

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- (d) Bilbray for Congress Committee, Robert Goldberg, treasurer (NV);
- (e) Elias F. Ghanem (NV);
- (f) Jody Ann Ghanem (NV);
- (g) William E. Bannen (NV);
- (h) G & B Enterprises (NV)

COMPLAINANT:

SUBJECT:

DISPOSITION:

- Referral from U.S Department of Justice
 Corporate contributions; excessive contributions,
 contributions in the name of another
- (a)-(b) Reason to believe but took no further action [re: corporate contributions]*
 - (c) Reason to believe but took no further action [re: corporate contributions and allocation of federal/state expenditures*]
 - (d) Reason to believe but took no further action [re: corporate contributions]*
 - (e)&(g) Reason to believe but took no further action [re: contributions in the name of another and excessive contributions]*
 - (f)&(h) Reason to believe but took no further action [re: contributions in the name of another]*
 - (a)-(h) Sent admonishment letters

*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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