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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 (MURs). 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:

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1. MUR 3851

RESPONDENTS: San Francisco Republican County Central Committee,
John Sidline, treasurer (CA)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (RAD)
SUBJECT: Failure to file disclosure reports timely, failure to file
disclosure report
DISPOSITION: Conciliation Agreement: \$9,500 civil penalty*

2. MUR 3947

RESPONDENTS: (a) Kerrey for President, Inc., Hugh Westbrook,
treasurer (FL)
(b) Hugh Westbrook (FL)
(c) Barry Diller (CA)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (Audit)
SUBJECT: Excessive contributions
DISPOSITION: (a-c) Reason to believe, but took no further action*

*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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