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FEC RELEASES SIX COMPLIANCE CASES

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on six 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.

1. MUR 2884

RESPONDENTS: (a) Babbitt for President, Ronnie Lopez, treasurer (AZ)
(b) Hattie Babbitt (AZ)
(c) Iowa Democratic Party (Federal Division), (IA)
(d) Richard J. Dennis (IL)

COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (1988 Presidential Audit)

SUBJECT: Excessive contributions; inaccurate and incomplete reporting of receipts and disbursements

DISPOSITION: (a) Conciliation Agreement: \$21,000 civil penalty* [re: excessive contributions; inaccurate and incomplete reporting of receipts and disbursements]
(b) Reason to believe, but took no further action* [re: excessive contributions]
(c-d) No probable cause to believe* [re: (c-d)excessive contributions; (c)inaccurate and incomplete reporting of receipts and disbursements]

2. MUR 3946

RESPONDENTS: (a) Friends of Marsha Murphy, Marsha Murphy, treasurer (MO)
(b) Murphy for County Executive Committee, treasurer (MO)
(c) Marsha Murphy (MO)
(d) Jackson County (MO)
(e) Marsha Murphy, County Executive (MO)

COMPLAINANT: Randall D. Grady (MO)

SUBJECT: Inaccurate and incomplete reporting of receipts, disbursements, and debts; use of non-federal (state) funds; disclaimer

DISPOSITION: (a) Reason to believe, but took no further action* [re: inaccurate and incomplete reporting of receipts, disbursements, and debts; use of non-federal (state) funds]
(b) Reason to believe, but took no further action* [re: disclaimer]
(c-e) No reason to believe* [re: use of non-federal (state) funds]
(c-e) No reason to believe* [re: any provision of the law]

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3. MUR 3954

RESPONDENTS: (a) The Committee to Re-Elect Susan Molinari, Michael Petrides, treasurer (NY)
(b) Republican Pro-Choice Political Action Committee, Robert M. Pennoyer, treasurer (NY)
(c) Chitoor Govindaraj (NY)
(d) James S. Simpson (NY)
(e) John R. Lakian (NY)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (Audit)
SUBJECT: Excessive contributions; partnership contribution
DISPOSITION: (a) Reason to believe, but took no further action*
[re: excessive contributions; partnership contribution] Sent admonishment letter.
(b-e) Reason to believe, but took no further action*
[re: excessive contributions]
Sent admonishment letters.

4. MUR 4174

RESPONDENTS: New Hampshire Democratic State Committee, Keith Regli, treasurer (NH)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (RAD)
SUBJECT: Failure to file disclosure report timely
DISPOSITION: Conciliation Agreement: \$3,300 civil penalty*

5. MUR 4197

RESPONDENTS: (a) Joe Checota (WI)
(b) Joe Checota for Senate Campaign, Edith Peters, treasurer (WI)
(c) Universal Medical Buildings (WI)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (News story)
SUBJECT: Corporate contributions/use of corporate facilities/corporate solicitation
DISPOSITION: (a-c) Reason to believe, but took no further action*
Sent admonishment letters.
Notified employee contributors.

6. MUR 4202

RESPONDENTS: (a) African Americans for a Better America PAC, Alric B. Nembhard, treasurer (NY)
(b) M.R. Beal & Company (NY)
(c) MRB Securities Corporation (DE)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (RAD)
SUBJECT: Corporate contributions, contributions by a government contractor; failure to file disclosure reports
DISPOSITION: (a) reason to believe, but took no further action*
[re: all of the above]
(b) Reason to believe, but took no further action*
[re: corporate contributions, contributions by a government contractor]
(c) Reason to believe, but took no further action*
[re: corporate contributions]
Sent admonishment letters.

*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.