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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.

1. MUR 3325/3249

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- RESPONDENTS:
- (a) Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, Donald J. Foley, treasurer (DC)
 - (b) Iowa Democratic Party (Federal Division), Mary Maloney, treasurer (IA)
 - (c) Republican National Committee, William McManus, treasurer (DC)
 - (d) Democratic State Central Committee of California - Federal, Martin H. Eber (CA)
 - (e) Wyoming State Democratic Central Committee, John D. Sherman, treasurer (WY)
 - (f) Committee of the Senate Majority Leader, Michael R. Sieben, treasurer (MN)
 - (g) Illinois Democratic Party, Stewart R. Winstein, treasurer (IL)
 - (h) Richard M. DeVos, Sr. (MI)
 - (i) Morton L. Mandel (OH)
 - (j) A. Jerrold Perenchio (CA)
 - (k) Peter B. Bedford (CA)
 - (l) Democrats 2000, Bill Combs, treasurer (MN)
 - (m) DNC Services Corp./Democratic National Committee, Robert T. Matsui, treasurer (CA)
 - (n) Independent - Republicans of Minnesota, John Burger, treasurer (MN)
 - (o) New York Republican County Committee, Paul Tvetenstrand, treasurer (NY)
 - (p) New York State Democratic Committee, Rosemary Conway, treasurer (NY)
 - (q) Voters for Choice/Friends of Family Planning, Marla Bolotsky, treasurer (DC)
 - (r) Joseph Bogdanovich (CA)
 - (s) Frederick W. Field (CA)
 - (t) John Kluge (NY)
 - (u) Jerome Kohlberg (NY)
 - (v) Lewis Rudin (NY)
 - (w) Robert E. Rubin (NY)
 - (x) Mark B Dayton (MN)
 - (y) Richard J. Dennis (IL)
 - (z) Diana MacArthur (MD)

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COMPLAINANT: Ellen S. Miller, Executive Director, Center for Responsive Politics (DC)

SUBJECT: Exceeding the \$25,000 annual contribution limit; filing inaccurate reporting of receipts; excessive contributions; deposit of non-federal funds in federal account

DISPOSITION:

- (a) Conciliation Agreement: \$4,500 civil penalty*
- (b) Conciliation Agreement: \$2,500 civil penalty*
- (c) Conciliation Agreement: \$1,500 civil penalty*
- (d) Conciliation Agreement: \$1,250 civil penalty*
- (e) Conciliation Agreement: \$1,000 civil penalty*
- (f) Conciliation Agreement: \$ 300 civil penalty*
- (g) Conciliation Agreement: \$ 250 civil penalty*
- (h) Conciliation Agreement: \$4,300 civil penalty*
- (i) Conciliation Agreement: \$3,900 civil penalty*
- (j) Conciliation Agreement: \$1,250 civil penalty*
- (k) Conciliation Agreement: \$ 500 civil penalty*
- (l-q) Reason to believe, but took no further action* [re: deposit of non-federal funds in federal account]
- (r-u) Reason to believe, but took no further action* [re: exceeding the \$25,000 annual contribution limit - 1989 or 1990]
- (v) Reason to believe, but took no further action* [re: exceeding the \$25,000 annual contribution limit - 1990]
- No reason to believe* [re: exceeding the \$25,000 annual contribution limit - 1989]
- (w-z) No reason to believe*

2. MUR 4177

RESPONDENTS:

- (a) Monzer Hourani (TX)
- (b) Bonnie Brownlow Davis (TX)
- (c) Hatch Election Committee, Stanley R. de Waal, former treasurer (UT)
- (d) Richard Lynn Deneve (TX)
- (e) Ruth M. Pietsch (TX)
- (f) Roberta C. Rea (TX)
- (g) Alyce Elizabeth Souder (TX)

COMPLAINANT: Referral by Gerald E. McDowell, former Chief, Fraud Section, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice

SUBJECT: Excessive contributions; contributions in the names of others

DISPOSITION:

- (a) Conciliation Agreement: \$10,000 civil penalty*
- (b) Conciliation Agreement: \$ 1,000 civil penalty*
- (c) Reason to believe, but took no further action* [re: excessive contribution]
- (d-g) Reason to believe, but took no further action* [re: contributions in the name of another]

*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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