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FEC RELEASES FIVE COMPLIANCE CASES

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on five 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 2582/Pre-MUR 189

RESPONDENTS: (a) David C. Owen (KS) (b) Robert Owens (KS)
(c) Betty Owens (KS) (d) Steven Phillips (MO)
(e) Sharon Phillips (MO) (f) Ed Hackerott (KS)
(g) Edward Lane Gibson (GA) (h) Dale A. Galemore (KS)
(i) Cynthia A. Galemore (KS)
(j) Darlene Hackerott (KS) (k) Stanton E. Ross (KS)
(l) Steven Small (KS) (m) Joy Small (KS)
(n) Wanda Bowman (MO)
(o) Birdview Satellite Communications, Inc. (KS)
(p) Charles A. Ross (KS)
(q) David K. Hamilton (KS)
(r) Roger Mason, President, Birdview Satellite
Communications, Inc. (KS)
(s) Martha J. Hamilton (KS)
(t) Doris Dettweiler (KS)
(u) Merett Ross (KS) (v) Gunilla Ross (KS)
(w) Ronda Ross Dumovich (KS)

COMPLAINANTS: FEC Initiated [MUR 2582]
Dole for Senate Committee, Charles L. Clinkenbeard,
treasurer (KS) [Pre-MUR 189]

SUBJECT: Corporate contributions; contributions in name of
others

DISPOSITION: (a) Conciliation Agreement: \$13,000 civil penalty*
[Agreement cites knowing and willful violations]
(b-c) Conciliation Agreement: \$ 1,150 civil penalty*
(d-e) Conciliation Agreement: \$ 1,050 civil penalty*
(f) Conciliation Agreement: \$ 1,000 civil penalty*
(g) Conciliation Agreement: \$ 1,000 civil penalty*
(h-i) Conciliation Agreement: \$ 750 civil penalty*
(j) Conciliation Agreement: \$ 500 civil penalty*
(k) Conciliation Agreement: \$ 500 civil penalty*
(l) Conciliation Agreement: \$ 500 civil penalty*
(m) Conciliation Agreement: \$ 250 civil penalty*
(n) Conciliation Agreement: \$ 100 civil penalty*
[Agreements for b-n cite that respondents knowingly
permitted their names to be used to effect
contributions in the name of another]

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- (o-r) Knowing and willful probable cause to believe, but took no further action*
[re: corporate contributions; contributions in the names of others]
- (s) Reason to believe, but took no further action*
[re: contributions in the names of others]
- (t) Reason to believe, but took no further action*
[re: corporate contributions; contributions in the names of others]
- (u-w) Reason to believe, but took no further action*
[re: contributions in the names of others]

2. MUR 2715/2652

- RESPONDENTS:** (a) Dukakis/Bentsen Committee, Inc. (MA)
(b) Senator Lloyd Bentsen Election Committee, Marc L. Irvin, treasurer (TX)
(c) The Houston Chamber of Commerce (TX)
- COMPLAINANTS:** National Republican Senatorial Committee, Jann L. Olsten, Executive Director (DC)
Representative Beau Boulter (TX)
- SUBJECT:** Excessive contributions/acceptance of in-kind contributions by fully federally funded campaign; sharing of personnel and facilities; failure to allocate certain expenses properly; non-partisan communications
- DISPOSITION:** (a) Conciliation Agreement: \$15,000 civil penalty*
Waiver of any and all claims for attorney's fees in Dukakis v. FEC.
[The conciliation agreement is a joint conciliation agreement for MURs 2715/2652, 3089, 3449, and 3562]
- (b) Probable cause to believe, but took no further action*
[re: excessive contributions (mailgrams/phone banks)]
No probable cause to believe*
[re: excessive contributions (newsletter); sharing of personnel and facilities; failure to allocate certain expenses properly]
- (c) No reason to believe*
[re: non-partisan communications]

3. MUR 3089

- RESPONDENTS:** (a) Dukakis for President Committee, Inc., Leonard Aronson, current treasurer (MA)
(b) Hector Martinez Franco (PR)
(c) Esteban L. Fuertes (PR)
(d) Mrs. Celeste S. Fuertes (PR)
(e) Jim Hetelekides (NY)
(f) Sol R. Martinez [wife of Hector Martinez Franco] (PR)
(g) Luis S. Sierra (PR)
(h) Milton Menedez Orsini (PR)
(i) Dimitrios Amaxzpoulos (NY)
(j) Vasilios Bitsas (NY)
(k) Christos Christofilopoulos (NY)
(l) Michael Dedes (NY)
(m) Vasilios Dedes (NY)
(n) John Delmadoros (NY)
(o) Dimitrius Economides (NY)

- (p) George Ekonomidis (NY)
- (q) Vasilios (Bill) Elias (NY)
- (r) Phil A. Elias (NY)
- (s) Steve Gitsis (NY)
- (t) Eleftheria Hatzigiannidis (NY)
- (u) Eleftherios Helelekides (NY)
- (v) Steve Hetelekides (NY)
- (w) Filippos A. Ilias (NY)
- (x) George Kannelopoulos (NY)
- (y) George Koratsis (NY)
- (z) Steve Koratsis (NY)
- (aa) Dimitrios Kostarellis (NY)
- (bb) Evangelos Lolis (NY)
- (cc) Hector Martinez, Jr. (PR)
- (dd) Myrta Falson de Mendez [Mrs. Milton Mendez] (PR)
- (ee) Paul Mihalitsas (NY)
- (ff) Odysseus Mitrousis (NY)
- (gg) Athansias Petalas (NY)
- (hh) Ilias Sarganis (NY)
- (ii) Demetrios Seremetis (NY)
- (jj) Silmarie Montilla Sierra [Mrs. Luis Sierra] (PR)
- (kk) Vasilios Stathopoulos (NY)
- (ll) Julieta Torres (PR)
- (mm) Benjamin Torres Vazquez (PR)
- (nn) Zoi Varahiois (NY)
- (oo) Georgios Zisis (NY)

COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (1988 Presidential Audit)
SUBJECT: Contributions in the names of others; excessive cash contributions

DISPOSITION: (a) Conciliation Agreement: \$15,000 civil penalty*
Waiver of any and all claims for attorney's fees in Dukakis v. FEC.
[The conciliation agreement is a joint conciliation agreement for MURs 2715/2652, 3089, 3449, and 3562]

(b-oo) Reason to believe, but took no further action*
[re: contributions in the names of others]

(b-h) Reason to believe, but took no further action*
[re: excessive cash contributions]

4. MUR 3449

RESPONDENTS: (a) Dukakis/Bentsen Committee, Inc. (MA)
(b) Dukakis/Bentsen General Election Legal and Accounting Compliance Fund, Leonard Aronson, treasurer (MA)
(c) Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver and Jacobson (NY)

COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (1988 Presidential Audit)
SUBJECT: Failure to report disbursements timely; excessive contribution/corporate contribution/acceptance of prohibited in-kind contribution by fully federally funded campaign; contributions in the name of another; excessive cash contributions; improper use of compliance funds

DISPOSITION: (a-b) Conciliation Agreement: \$15,000 civil penalty*
Waiver of any and all claims for attorney's fees in Dukakis v. FEC.
[The conciliation agreement is a joint conciliation agreement for MURs 2715/2652, 3089, 3449, and 3562]

(c) Reason to believe, but took no further action*
[re: excessive contribution; corporate contributions]

5. MUR 3562

RESPONDENTS: (a) Dukakis for President Committee, Inc., Leonard Aronson, current treasurer (MA)
(b) American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (DC)

COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (1988 Presidential Audit)

SUBJECT: Exceeded state expenditure limits (IA & NH); labor union contributions; failure to report contributions timely; excessive contributions

DISPOSITION: (a) Conciliation Agreement: \$15,000 civil penalty*
Waiver of any and all claims for attorney's fees in Dukakis v. FEC.
[The conciliation agreement is a joint agreement for MURs 2715/2652, 3089, 3449, and 3562]
(b) Reason to believe, but took no further action*
[re: labor union contributions]

*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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