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FEC RELEASES 10 COMPLIANCE CASES

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on 10 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 3471

RESPONDENTS: Harvey Gantt for Senate Campaign Committee, Bobby T. Martin, treasurer (NC)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (RAD)
SUBJECT: Excessive contributions; corporate contributions; failure to file 48 hour reports
DISPOSITION: Conciliation Agreement: $25,000 civil penalty*

2. MUR 3620/3617/3658/4010

RESPONDENTS:
(a) Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, Donald J. Foley, treasurer (DC)
(b) Abrams Committee (FKA Abrams '92), Lawrence B. Buttenwieser, treasurer (NY)
(c) Feinstein for Senate '94, Michael J. Barrett, treasurer (CA)
(d) Sanford for Senate Committee, Alton G. Buck, treasurer (NC)
(e) The Honorable Dianne Feinstein (CA)
(f) Yeakel for Senate Committee, Sidney D. Rosenblatt, treasurer (PA)
(g) The Kamber Group (DC)
(h) Lynn Cutler (DC)

COMPLAINANTS: National Republican Senatorial Committee (DC) [3620/3658/4010]
U. S. Senator John Seymour Committee (CA) [3617]
SUBJECT: Failure to report earmarked contributions; excessive contributions; corporate contribution
DISPOSITION:
(a-d) Conciliation Agreement: $75,000 civil penalty* Paid by DSCC
(b-d) Reason to believe, but took no further action* [re: receipt of excessive contributions; failure to report receipt of earmarked contributions]
(e-f) No reason to believe* [re: any provision of the law]
(g-h) Reason to believe, but took no further action* [re: corporate contribution]

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3. MUR 3832

RESPONDENTS: Nassau County Democratic Committee, David Kremer, treasurer (NY)
COMPLAINANT: The Honorable David A. Levy, Levy for Congress Committee (NY)
SUBJECT: Failure to register and report; corporate contributions; disclaimers
DISPOSITION: Conciliation Agreement: $4,800 civil penalty*
Committee to register and report.

4. MUR 3886/Pre-MUR 290

RESPONDENTS: (a) Herbert F. Collins (MA)
(b) Bush-Quayle '92 Primary Committee, Inc., J. Stanley Huckaby, treasurer (VA)
(c) Bush-Quayle '92 Compliance Committee, Inc., J. Stanley Huckaby, treasurer (VA)
COMPLAINANTS: Herbert F. Collins (MA) [Pre-MUR 290]
Ellen S. Miller, Executive Director, Center for Responsive Politics (DC) [3886]
SUBJECT: Exceeding the annual $25,000 contribution limit (1992); excessive contributions
DISPOSITION: (a) Conciliation Agreement: $20,000 civil penalty*
(b-c) No reason to believe*
[re: excessive contributions]

5. MUR 3944

RESPONDENTS: (a) The Honorable Daniel E. Hamburg (CA)
(b) Committee to Elect Dan Hamburg, Ted Loring, treasurer (CA)
(c) The Hamburg Trust, Steve Hamburg, trustee (MO)
(d) Mendocino Book Company (CA)
(e) Eureka Recordworks, Inc., d/b/a The Works (CA)
(f) Too Much Fun (CA)
(g) Ukiah Co-operative (CA)
(h) Carrie Hamburg (CA)
(i) Bill Graham Presents (CA)
(j) Avocado Productions (CA)
(k) Bonnie Raitt (CA)
(l) Jackson Browne (CA)
(m) Holly Near (CA)
(n) Music Brothers (CA)
(o) Leaves of Grass Bookstore (CA)
(p) Frey Vineyards (CA)
(q) Scharffenberger Cellars, Inc. (CA)
(r) Iron Horse Vineyards (CA)
(s) Thanksgiving Coffee Company (CA)
(t) The Cheesecake Lady (CA)
COMPLAINANT: National Republican Congressional Committee, Maria Cino, Executive Director (DC)
SUBJECT: Personal use of campaign funds; excessive contributions; corporate contributions; disclaimers
DISPOSITION: (a) Reason to believe, but took no further action*
[re: excessive contributions; personal use of campaign funds]
(b) Reason to believe, but took no further action*
[re: excessive contributions; personal use of campaign funds; certain corporate contributions]
No reason to believe*
[disclaimers; certain corporate contributions]

(c) Reason to believe, but took no further action*
[re: excessive contributions]
(d-g) Reason to believe, but took no further action*
[re: corporate contributions]
(a-g) Sent admonishment letters.
(h) No reason to believe*
[re: excessive contributions]
(i-t) No reason to believe*
[re: corporate contributions]

6. MUR 4192

RESPONDENTS: (a) President William J. Clinton (DC)
(b) Clinton for President Committee, J.L. "Skip" Rutherford, treasurer (AR)
(c) Clinton/Gore '92 General Election Compliance Fund, J.L. "Skip" Rutherford, treasurer (AR)

COMPLAINANTS: Alan Gottlieb (WA)
Michael A. Siegel (WA)
Todd Herman (WA)
Joseph P. Tartaro (NY)
Second Amendment Foundation (WA)
Center for the Defense of Free Enterprise (WA)
American Political Action Committee "AmeriPAC" (WA)

SUBJECT: Transfer of certain contributions received by primary committee to general election compliance fund; submission of net outstanding campaign obligations (inaccurately reflecting committee's outstanding obligations)

DISPOSITION: (a-c) Failed by a vote of 3-3 to find reason to believe*
[re: transfer of certain contributions received by primary committee to general election compliance fund]
(a-b) Failed by a vote of 3-3 to find reason to believe*
[re: submission of net outstanding campaign obligations (inaccurately reflecting committee's outstanding obligations]

7. MUR 4206

RESPONDENTS: American Portland Cement Alliance Political Action Committee, Richard C. Creighton, treasurer (DC)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (RAD)
SUBJECT: Failure to file disclosure reports timely
DISPOSITION: Conciliation Agreement: $3,675 civil penalty*

8. MUR 4226

RESPONDENTS: Common Language America PAC, George W. Wilson Jr., treasurer (MD)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (RAD)
SUBJECT: Failure to file disclosure reports
DISPOSITION: Reason to believe, but took no further action*

9. MUR 4228

RESPONDENTS: Coopers & Lybrand PAC, Allen J. Weltman, treasurer (DC)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (RAD)
SUBJECT: Failure to file disclosure reports timely
DISPOSITION: Conciliation Agreement: $3,900 civil penalty*

10. MUR 4231

RESPONDENTS: Communications Satellite Corporation (COMSAT)
COMSATPAC, James M. Carroll, treasurer (MD)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (RAD)
SUBJECT: Failure to file disclosure reports timely
DISPOSITION: Conciliation Agreement: $850 civil penalty*

*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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