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FEC RELEASES SEVEN COMPLIANCE CASES

WASHINGTON — The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on seven 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 3546

RESPONDENTS: (a) Democratic National Committee, R. Scott Pastrick, treasurer (DC)
(b) Clinton for President Committee, J. L. Rutherford, treasurer (AR)
(c) William J. Clinton (AR)
COMPLAINANT: Republican National Committee, Benjamin L. Ginsberg, Esq.
SUBJECT: Excessive contribution; disclaimer
DISPOSITION: (a) Conciliation Agreement: \$ 10,000 civil penalty*
(b) Conciliation Agreement: \$ 10,000 civil penalty*
(c) No reason to believe*
[re: any provision of the Act]

2. MUR 3571

RESPONDENTS: Bush/Quayle '92 Primary Committee, Inc., J. Stanley Huckaby, treasurer (VA)
COMPLAINANT: Democratic National Committee, Joseph E. Sandler, General Counsel (DC)
SUBJECT: Use of primary campaign funds for general election expenditures; exceeding overall spending limit
DISPOSITION: Took no action*

3. MUR 3974

RESPONDENTS: (a) Congressman Charles B. Rangel (NY)
(b) Rangel for Congress Committee, Richard A. Brown, treasurer (NY)
COMPLAINANT: Referral by U. S. Department of Justice, Thomas Eicher, Chief, House Bank Task Force (DC)
SUBJECT: Failure to make committee disbursements from a designated depository account; failure to itemize disbursements; failure to account for cash disbursements; failure to obtain documentation for disbursements
DISPOSITION: Conciliation Agreement: \$ 5,000 civil penalty*

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4. MUR 4287

RESPONDENTS: Friends of Sherrod Brown, Daniel J. Harris, treasurer (OH)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (Audit - 1994 Election)
SUBJECT: Failure to file 48-hour reports; failure to deposit receipts timely
DISPOSITION: Took no action*

5. MUR 4398/Pre-MUR 307

RESPONDENTS:

- (a) Thomas Kramer (FL/German)
- (b) 35 Star Island, Inc., Thomas Kramer, owner and CEO (FL)
- (c) Portofino Group, Inc., Thomas Kramer, owner and CEO (FL)
- (d) Olympus Holding Corporation, Thomas Kramer, owner and CEO (FL)
- (e) Sun & Fun, Inc., Thomas Kramer, owner and CEO (FL)
- (f) Playa Del Sol Ltd., Thomas Kramer, owner and CEO (FL)
- (g) New Fiesta, Inc., Thomas Kramer, owner and CEO (FL)
- (h) St. Tropez R/E Fund, Ltd., Thomas Kramer, owner and CEO (FL)
- (i) Beachwalk Development Corporation, Thomas Kramer, owner and CEO (FL)
- (j) Santorini Isle, Inc., Thomas Kramer, owner and CEO (FL)
- (k) 7th & 5th Deco Corporation, Thomas Kramer, owner and CEO (FL)
- (l) Sandpoint Financial, Ltd., Thomas Kramer, owner and CEO (FL)
- (m) SBE, Inc., Thomas Kramer, owner and CEO (FL)
- (n) South Beach Creative Group, Inc., Thomas Kramer, owner and CEO (FL)
- (o) 5 Star Island, Inc., Thomas Kramer, owner and CEO (FL)
- (p) 2 Star Island, Inc., Thomas Kramer, owner and CEO (FL)
- (q) Seagull Development Corporation, Thomas Kramer, owner and CEO (FL)
- (r) Azure Coast Development, Ltd., Thomas Kramer, owner and CEO (FL)
- (s) Republican Party of Florida (federal/non-federal accounts), James H. Stalling, treasurer (FL)
- (t) Terri Bradley (FL)
- (u) Catherine Burda Kramer (FL/German)
- (v) DNC Services Corporation/Democratic National Committee, R. Scott Pastrick (DC)
- (w) National Republican Senatorial Committee, Stan Huckaby, treasurer (DC)
- (x) Ros-Lehtinen for Congress, Antonio L. Argiz, treasurer (FL)
- (y) Friends for Connie Mack, Robert I. Watkins, treasurer (FL)
- (z) Charles Dusseau Campaign (FL)
- (aa) Kerrey for U. S. Senate Committee, Jim Weaver, treasurer (NE)
- (bb) Conchi Bretos (FL)
- (cc) Bretos Campaign Fund (FL)
- (dd) James Burke Campaign Fund (FL)
- (ee) Jeb Bush Gubernatorial Campaign (FL)
- (ff) Sy Eisenberg Campaign Fund (FL)
- (gg) Bruce Kaplan Campaign (FL)
- (hh) Mike Karpel Campaign Fund (FL)
- (ii) Neisen Kasdin (FL)
- (jj) Neisen Kasdin Campaign Fund (FL)
- (kk) Gerald Lewis Campaign (FL)
- (ll) Gwen Margolis Campaign Fund (FL)
- (mm) Campaign for Commissioner for Javier Souto (FL)

- (nn) State Senate President Pat Thomas "Victory in '94 (FL)
- (oo) Mitchell for Senate, Barbara Keefe, treasurer (ME)
- (pp) Stuart Blumberg Campaign Fund (FL)
- (qq) Stacy Breen (FL)
- (rr) Maurice Ferre Campaign (FL)
- (ss) Larry Hawkins (FL)
- (tt) Nancy Leibman Campaign Fund (FL)

COMPLAINANTS: Sua sponte

SUBJECT:

DISPOSITION: Foreign national contributions; contributions in the name of another

- (a-r) Conciliation Agreement: \$ 323,000 civil penalty*
[re: foreign national contributions; contributions in the another]
- (s) Conciliation Agreement: \$ 82,000 civil penalty*
[re: foreign national contribution]
- (t) Conciliation Agreement: \$ 21,000 civil penalty*
[re: contribution in the name of another]
- (u-z) Reason to believe, but took no further action*
[re: foreign national contributions]
Sent admonishment letters.
- (aa-nn) Reason to believe, but took no further action*
[re: foreign national contributions]
Sent admonishment letters and requested committees which have not
refunded contributions to disgorge such funds or like amounts to the
United States Treasury.
- (oo-tt) Reason to believe, but took no further action*

6. MUR 4416

RESPONDENTS: Hamilton for Congress, Robert L. Prather, treasurer (IN)

COMPLAINANT: Maria Cino, former Executive Director, National Republican Congressional Committee (DC)

SUBJECT: Disclaimers

DISPOSITION: Conciliation Agreement: \$ 3,000 civil penalty*

7. MUR 4619/Pre-MUR 341

RESPONDENT: Tower Loan of Mississippi, Inc. (MS)

COMPLAINANT: Sua sponte

SUBJECT: Corporate contributions/contributions in the names of others

DISPOSITION: Conciliation Agreement: \$ 6,500 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 requires 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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