



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D C 20463

SENSITIVE

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

In the matter of

**Zimmer 2000, Inc. and Maria Chappa,
in her official capacity as treasurer,
Larry Weitzner, Jamestown Associates LLC,
Tom Blakely, and Fox Media Consulting**

MUR 5026

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Chairman Scott E. Thomas

Given the fact that some of the critical witnesses in this matter seemed to have lined up their stories in ways that contradict in some respects the earlier statements they provided to investigators, proving this matter in court would be problematic. Therefore, as a matter of prosecutorial discretion I voted to find probable cause to believe the respondents violated the law but to take no further action. The probable cause finding was appropriate to demonstrate that the Commission has serious doubts about the veracity of the witnesses' later statements, and agrees with the General Counsel's analysis of the facts. But because of potential complications of proving the case in court, I voted to close the file.

11/7/05

Date

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Scott E. Thomas
Chairman

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