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FEC RELEASES FIVE INVESTIGATIVE FILES

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on five matters it has had under review (MURs). This release contains only summary information. Closed files should be thoroughly read for details, including FEC's legal analysis, of the MUR. Summary files of the closed cases are available in the Office of Public Records. They are as follows:

MUR NO.

1. 2517/2550

RESPONDENTS: Bob Edgar for U.S. Senate Committee, Walter Pierzchala, treasurer (PA)
COMPLAINANT: Earl M. Baker, Chairman, Republican State Committee of Pennsylvania (PA) (2517); FEC Initiated (2550)
SUBJECT: Excessive contributions; inadequate and erroneous disclosure; prohibited disbursement
DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: \$6,000 civil penalty*

2. 2609

RESPONDENTS: Babbitt for President Committee, Ronnie Lopez, treasurer (AZ)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated
SUBJECT: Failure to file disclosure reports timely
DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: \$7,200 civil penalty*

3. 2670

RESPONDENTS: (a) Friends of Senator David Karnes, Jon D. Hoffmaster, treasurer (NE);
(b) Senator David Karnes (DC);
(c) Erickson & Sederstrom, P.C. (NE);
(d) Sam Jensen (NE);
COMPLAINANT: Robert F. Bauer, Counsel for the Democratic National Committee and the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee (DC)
SUBJECT: Corporate contributions
DISPOSITION: (a) "No reason to believe"*
(b) "No reason to believe"*
(c) "No reason to believe"*
(d) "Reason to believe but take no further action"*

4. 2687

RESPONDENTS: Reliance Group Holdings, Inc. Political Action Committee,
Philip S. Sherman, treasurer (NY)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated
SUBJECT: Failure to file disclosure reports timely
DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: \$850*

5. 2760

RESPONDENTS: (a) Costello for Congress Committee, Amiel Cueto,
treasurer (IL);
(b) Representative Jerry Costello (IL)
COMPLAINANT: Robert H. Gaffner (IL)
SUBJECT: Disclaimer; receipt and reporting of corporate
contributions
DISPOSITION: (a) "No reason to believe"* re: disclaimer;
"Reason to believe but take no further action"*
re: receipt and reporting of corporate contributions
(b) "No reason to believe"*

*Following a complaint, the FEC may make a "reason to believe" finding which may trigger an investigation. Subsequently, the FEC may find "probable cause to believe" violation(s) occurred. An affirmative vote of at least four Commissioners is required for any action. At this stage the conciliation process could begin. If conciliation fails the FEC may institute a civil action for relief. The Commission may close a case at any point. For a complete explanation of the enforcement process - contact the FEC Press Office.

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