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FEC RELEASES THREE INVESTIGATIVE FILES

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on three matters it has had 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 MUR. Please see footnote at the end of this release. Summary files of the closed cases are available in the Office of Public Records. They are as follows:

MUR NO.

1. 2647

RESPONDENTS: (a) The Hatch Election Committee, Stanley R. Dewall, treasurer (UT)

(b) Elizabeth G. Drinko (OH)

COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated

SUBJECT: Excessive contributions

DISPOSITION: (a) Conciliation agreement: \$2,500 civil penalty*

(b) Conciliation agreement: \$150 civil penalty*

2. 2928

RESPONDENTS: West Virginia State Democratic Executive Committee, John D. Wooten, treasurer (WV)

COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated

SUBJECT: Failure to disclose change of treasurer timely

DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: \$250 civil penalty*

3. 2943

RESPONDENTS: American Sugarbeet Growers Association Political Action Committee, Luther Allan Markwart, treasurer (DC)

COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated

SUBJECT: Failure to file disclosure report timely

DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: \$400 civil penalty*

*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.
