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FEC RELEASES EIGHT INVESTIGATIVE FILES

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on eight 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 Public Records Office. They are as follows:

MUR NO.

1. 1840

RESPONDENTS: (a) Ted Haley Congressional Committee, Ted Haley, treasurer (WA);
(b) JoAnne Alger (WA);
(c) Sallie Baine (WA);
(d) Dona Carlson (WA);
(e) George W. Edman (WA);
(f) Frederick T. Haley (WA);
(g) Richard G. Haley (WA)

COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated

SUBJECT: Excessive contributions in the form of post-election loan guarantees

DISPOSITION: U.S. Court of Appeals found violation as alleged by FEC*

2. 2002

RESPONDENTS: (a) Committee to Elect Bennie O. Batts, Evelyn Batts, treasurer (NY);
(b) Mrs. Evelyn Batts (NY);
(c) Dr. Arlene Alveranga (NY)

COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated

SUBJECT: Failure to amend Statement of Organization; commingling of funds; use of non-designated campaign depository; excessive contributions

DISPOSITION: (a) U.S. District Court Judgement: \$100*
(b) U.S. District Court Judgement: \$1*
(c) No probable cause to believe*

3. 2461

RESPONDENTS: (a) Michigan Republican State Committee, Ronald D. Dahlke, treasurer (MI);
(b) Friends of Jim Dunn, Pauline Dunn, treasurer (MI);
(c) Jim Dunn (MI);
(d) National Republican Congressional Committee, Jack McDonald, treasurer (DC)

COMPLAINANT: Robert E. Bauer, Counsel, Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DC)

SUBJECT: Excessive expenditures; disbursements from non-federal account; failure to amend disclosure report timely

DISPOSITION: (a) Conciliation agreement: \$10,000 civil penalty*
(b) No reason to believe*
(c) No reason to believe*
(d) Rejected counsel's recommendation to find reason to believe*

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RESPONDENTS: (a) Cryts for Congress Committee, Carol-Gay Eikermann, treasurer (MO);
 (b) Missouri Democratic State Committee (Federal Account/Non-Federal Account), Douglas Brooks, treasurer (MO)

COMPLAINANT: Tony Feather, Executive Director, Missouri Republican Party (MO)

SUBJECT: Failure to amend disclosure report timely; excessive contribution; establishment of separate federal account

DISPOSITION: (a) Declined to find probable cause to believe* [re: reporting and acceptance of excessive contribution]
 (b) (1) Declined to find probable cause to believe* [re: making executive contribution]
 (2) No probable cause to believe* [re: establishment of separate federal account]

5. 3058

RESPONDENTS: Gene Taylor for Congress Committee, Charles B. Benvenuti, treasurer (MS)

COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated

SUBJECT: Failure to file 48-hour contribution notices; erroneous disclosure

DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: \$1,500 civil penalty*

6. 3061

RESPONDENTS: Congressman Murphy Campaign Committee, Karen V. Mollenauer, treasurer (PA)

COMPLAINANT: William A. Nicoletta (PA)

SUBJECT: Improper campaign expenditures; erroneous disclosure

DISPOSITION: (a) Reason to believe but take no further action* [re: erroneous disclosure]
 (b) No reason to believe* [re: improper campaign expenditures]

7. 3066

RESPONDENTS: (a) Bruce Vorhauer for U.S. Senate Committee, James Cowan, treasurer (MT);
 (b) First Valley Bank, James Cowan, President (MT)

COMPLAINANT: Alice Tully (MT)

SUBJECT: Corporate contributions and expenditures; contributions by government contractors; disclaimer

DISPOSITION: (a)(1) Failed to find reason to believe* [re: corporation contributions and disclaimer]
 (2) Reason to believe but took no further action* [re: disclaimer]
 (3) No reason to believe* [re: government contractor]
 (b)(1) Failed to find reason to believe* [re: corporation contributions]
 (2) No reason to believe* [re: government contractor]

8. 3130

RESPONDENTS: Democratic State Central Committee of California Federal Account, Cathy Calfo, treasurer (CA)

COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated

SUBJECT: Failure to transfer-out impermissible funds timely

DISPOSITION: Reason to believe but took no further action*

*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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