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FEC RELEASES FOUR INVESTIGATIVE FILES

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on four matters previously under review (MUR). 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. They are as follows:

MUR NO.

1. 3143

RESPONDENTS: (a) Dukakis for President, Robert A. Farmer, treasurer (MA);
(b) Dukakis/Bentsen Committee, Edward Pliner, treasurer (MA);
(c) David Walters (OK);
(d) The Walters Company (OK);
(e) Friends of David Walters (OK);
(f) GSMI, Inc.

COMPLAINANT: Clinton Kay, chairman, Oklahoma Republican Party

SUBJECT: Advances; rent

DISPOSITION: (a) Conciliation agreement: \$1,250 civil penalty*
(b) Conciliation agreement: \$750 civil penalty*
(c) (1) No probable cause [re: rent]*
(2) Probable cause but take no further action [re: advances]*
(d) Reason to believe but take no further action*
(e) Reason to believe but take no further action*
(f) Reason to believe but take no further action*

2. 3703

RESPONDENTS: Don Payne for Congress, Craig A. Stanley, treasurer (NJ)

COMPLAINANT: Alfred D. Palermo (NJ)

SUBJECT: Failure to file disclosure reports with Secretary of State's Office; failure to file disclosure reports timely

DISPOSITION: Reason to believe but take no further action*

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3. 3765

RESPONDENTS: Committee to Elect Michael Pratt, Jackie Daughtry,
treasurer (GA)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated
SUBJECT: Failure to file disclosure report timely
DISPOSITION: Reason to believe but take no further action*

4. 3782

RESPONDENT: (a) Milder for Congress Exploratory Committee (NE);
(b) C. W. Durham (NE);
(c) Barbara Vopnford (NE)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated
SUBJECT: Prohibited and excessive contributions
DISPOSITION: (a)-(c) Reason to believe but take no further action,
other than sending admonishment letters*

*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 takes 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
