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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. 3159

RESPONDENTS: (a) Nevada Democratic State Committee, Debbie Johnson, treasurer (NV);
(b) Friends for Miller, Michael W. Kern, treasurer (NV);
(c) Bilbray for Congress Committee, Robert Goldberg, treasurer (NV);
(d) Friends of Bryan, Michael W. Kern, treasurer (NV);
(e) Friends for Harry Reid, Paul Eisenberg, treasurer (NV);
(f) Hacienda Hotel/Sahara Resorts, Paul W. Lowden, chairman (NV)

COMPLAINANT: Kenneth Sawyer, chairman, Nevada Republican Party (NV)

SUBJECT: In-kind corporate contribution

DISPOSITION: (a) Conciliation agreement: \$1,550 civil penalty*
(b) Reason to believe but took no further action, other than sending an admonishment letter*
(c)-(f) Took no action*

2. 3379

RESPONDENTS: Tom Christo for U.S. Senate, Inc., Jon Howell, treasurer (NH)

COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated

SUBJECT: Excessive contributions

DISPOSITION: Probable cause to believe but took no further action*

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3. 3761

RESPONDENTS: Re-Elect Marilyn Lloyd to Congress Committee, Joel D. Susman, treasurer (TN)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated
SUBJECT: Failure to file 48-hour contribution notices
DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: \$6,000 civil penalty*

4. 3768

RESPONDENTS: Rowland for Congress Re-Election Committee, Ernest F. Jones, Jr., treasurer (GA)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated
SUBJECT: Failure to file 48-hour contribution notices
DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: \$3,999 civil penalty*

*There are four administrative stages to the FEC enforcement process:
1. Receipt of proper complaint 3. "Probable cause" stage
2. "Reason to believe" 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.

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