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FEC RELEASES SEVEN COMPLIANCE CASES

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on seven matters previously 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 case. (Please see footnote at the end of this release.) Closed MUR files are available in the Public Records Office.

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1. MUR 3721

RESPONDENTS: Perot '92 (FKA Perot Petition Committee), Mike Poss, treasurer (TX)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (Disclosure/Public Records Office)
SUBJECT: Failure to file 48 hour reports timely
DISPOSITION: Conciliation Agreement: \$65,000 civil penalty*

2. MUR 3831

RESPONDENTS: DNC Services Corporation/Democratic National Committee, Robert T. Matsui, treasurer (DC)
COMPLAINANT: Jonathan C. Close (IL)
SUBJECT: Disclaimer; misrepresentation of campaign authority
DISPOSITION: No reason to believe*

3. MUR 3952

RESPONDENTS: (a) 1992 Democratic National Convention Committee, Inc., Robert T. Matsui, treasurer (DC)
(b) Democratic National Committee, Robert T. Matsui, treasurer (DC)
(c) Alexis Herman
(d) Anne Reingold
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (1992 Convention Audit)
SUBJECT: Exceeding convention expenditure limits, prohibited acceptance of private contributions, excessive contributions
DISPOSITION: (a-b) Reason to believe, but took no further action* [re: prohibited acceptance of private contributions]
No reason to believe* [re: exceeding convention expenditure limits]
(c-d) No reason to believe* [re: excessive contributions]

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4. MUR 3956

RESPONDENTS: Friends of Bowen, Inc., Dr. Tony Jackson, treasurer (OH)
COMPLAINANT: Harold J. Kwalwasser, Esq., on behalf of Citizens for Mann
Campaign (OH)
SUBJECT: Failure to adequately identify contributors ("best
efforts"); reporting joint contributions
DISPOSITION: Reason to believe, but took no further action* [re:
failure to adequately identify contributors ("best
efforts")]
No reason to believe* [re: reporting joint contributions]

5. MUR 3980

RESPONDENTS: (a) Van Hipp, Jr. (SC)
(b) Hipp for Congress Committee, William Ellison Thomas,
treasurer (SC)
COMPLAINANT: Arthur William Rashap (SC)
SUBJECT: Disclaimer
DISPOSITION: Insufficient number of votes to find reason to believe*

6. MUR 3995

RESPONDENTS: (a) Ralph Terry Hudgens (GA)
(b) Hudgens for Congress, Tim Waters, treasurer (GA)
COMPLAINANT: K. G. Watson (GA)
SUBJECT: Disclaimer
DISPOSITION: No reason to believe*

7. MUR 4162

RESPONDENTS: Harris County Democratic Executive Committee, David
Minberg, treasurer (TX)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (RAD)
SUBJECT: Failure to file disclosure report timely
DISPOSITION: Conciliation Agreement: \$ 900 civil penalty*

*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.

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