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FEC RELEASES EIGHT INVESTIGATIVE FILES

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

MUR NO.

1. 2112

RESPONDENTS: (a) Chipman C. Bull for Congress, Denise M. Deshane, treasurer (ME);
(b) Chipman C. Bull (ME);
(c) J. Gregory Freeman (ME);
(d) Severin M. Beliveau (ME);
(e) Michael J. Gentile (ME)
COMPLAINANT: Key Bank of Eastern Maine
SUBJECT: Campaign loans
DISPOSITION: (a) U.S. District Court Judgement: \$18,437.50 civil penalty against committee; \$500 civil penalty against treasurer*
(b) No probable cause*
(c) Conciliation agreement: \$250 civil penalty*
(d) Conciliation agreement: \$250 civil penalty*
(e) Conciliation agreement: \$250 civil penalty*
[Final court action in this case occurred in 1990]

2. 2285

RESPONDENTS: (a) American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees - P.E.O.P.L.E., Qualified, William Lucy, treasurer (DC);
(b) Francis McCloskey (IN);
(c) McCloskey for Congress Committee, Betty Merriman, treasurer (IN);
(d) National Rural Letter Carriers Association PAC, Frank Newham, treasurer (DC)
COMPLAINANT: Bernard Black-Schaffer (IN)
SUBJECT: In-kind contributions; inaccurate disclosure; excessive contributions
DISPOSITION: (a) U.S. District Court Final Judgement: \$2,000 civil penalty*
(b) No reason to believe*
(c) Conciliation agreement: \$300 civil penalty*
(d)(1) Reason to believe but take no further action*
[re: inaccurate disclosure]
(2) No reason to believe*
[re: excessive contribution]
[Final court action in this case occurred in 1991]

3. 2553

RESPONDENTS: Californians for a Strong America PAC, Albert Cook, treasurer (CA)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated
SUBJECT: Failure to file disclosure reports timely
DISPOSITION: U.S. District Court Final Order: \$15,000 civil penalty*
[Final court action in this case occurred in 1988]

4. 2841

RESPONDENTS: (a) Ed Jenkins for Congress Committee, Hollis Lathem, treasurer (GA);
(b) Gephardt for President Committee, S. Lee King, treasurer (MO)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated
SUBJECT: Independent expenditures
DISPOSITION: (a) Conciliation agreement: \$5,500 civil penalty*
(b) Reason to believe but took no further action; sent admonishment letter*

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5. 3007

RESPONDENTS: (a) Edward E. Kopko (PA);
(b) Debra Kopko (PA);
(c) Deborah Smink (PA);
(d) Joanne O'Toole (PA);
(e) Irene Beretsky (PA);
(f) Janet Smith (PA);
(g) Marcella Kopko (PA);
(h) James Yacobacci (PA);
(i) Tami Poslosky (PA);
(j) Franklin Fetter (PA);
(k) Joseph Geles (PA);
(l) Henry Trasatt (PA);
(m) David Wentz (PA);
(n) Haig for President, Dominic J. Sarceno, treasurer

COMPLAINANT: Edward E. Kopko (PA)

SUBJECT: Contributions in the names of others

DISPOSITION: (a) U.S. District Court Stipulation & Order: \$1,500
civil penalty*
(b) Reason to believe but took no further action*
(c)-(m) Conciliation agreements: \$250 civil penalty
each*
(n) Rejected General Counsel's recommendation of reason
to believe*
[Final court action in this case occurred in 1992]

6. 3015

RESPONDENTS: (a) Michael Caulder (PA);
(b) Alerted Democratic Majority, William W. Batoff,
treasurer (PA)

COMPLAINANT: David M. Ifshin, counsel to Alerted Democratic Majority

SUBJECT: Commingling campaign funds with personal funds;
inaccurate disclosure

DISPOSITION: (a) U.S. District Court Final Consent Order: \$103,200
civil penalty* [all but \$3,000 suspended by court]
(b) Reason to believe but take no further action*
[Final court action in this case occurred in 1992]

7. 3595

RESPONDENTS: (a) The Carpenters Legislative Improvement Committee,
James S. Bledsoe, treasurer (CA);
(b) The Los Angeles District Council of Carpenters (CA)

COMPLAINANT: Referral from U.S. Department of Labor

SUBJECT: Transfer of payroll deduction contributions

DISPOSITION: (a) Conciliation agreement: \$10,000 civil penalty*
(b) Conciliation agreement: \$10,000 civil penalty*

8. 3611

RESPONDENTS: (a) Honorable Ron de Lugo (VI);
(b) Ron de Lugo Congressional Committee, David Hamilton,
treasurer (VI);
(c) Ralph de Chabert (VI);
(d) Mario de Chabert (VI);
(e) Leon Hess (VI);
(f) Esperanza Development Company (VI)

COMPLAINANT: Victor O. Frazer (VI)

SUBJECT: Excessive contributions; improper disclosure

DISPOSITION: (a) No reason to believe*
(b)(1) Reason to believe but take no further action*
[re: contributions and disclosure]
(2) No reason to believe* [re: other allegations]
(c)-(e) No reason to believe*
(f) Reason to believe but take 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 of the six 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.