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FEC RELEASES TEN INVESTIGATIVE FILES

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on ten 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. 3212

RESPONDENTS: Durenberger '94 Volunteer Committee, Delwyn Olson, treasurer (MN)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated
SUBJECT: Excessive contributions; failure to file 48-hour contribution notices
DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: \$12,000 civil penalty*

2. 3542

RESPONDENTS: (a) Buffa for Congress '92, Betty Presley, treasurer (CA);
(b) Greensburgn Group (CA)
COMPLAINANT: Gene Ferguson, campaign manager, Congressman Dana Rohrabacher (CA)
SUBJECT: Failure to report debts; corporate and excessive contributions
DISPOSITION: (a)&(b) No reason to believe*

3. 3547

RESPONDENTS: The Democratic Party of Arkansas Federal Account, Greg B. Brown, treasurer (AR)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated
SUBJECT: Failure to file disclosure report timely
DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: \$1,200 civil penalty*

4. 3576

RESPONDENTS: Linda Bean for Congress Committee, James W. Gorman, treasurer (ME)
SUBJECT: Failure to file disclosure report
COMPLAINANT: Maine Democratic State Committee, Jo Karr, chairman (ME)
DISPOSITION: Reason to believe but take no further action, other than sending an admonishment letter*

5. 3588

RESPONDENTS: (a) Les AuCoin For Senate Committee, Clinton W. Cook, treasurer (OR);
(b) Realtors Political Action Committee, Dale Colby, treasurer (IL);
(c) Les AuCoin (OR)
COMPLAINANT: Oregon Republican Party
SUBJECT: Independent expenditures
DISPOSITION: (a)-(c) No reason to believe*

6. 3605

RESPONDENTS: (a) Committee to Elect Andy Johnson, Andrew E. Johnson, treasurer (FL);
(b) WVOJ Radio (FL)
COMPLAINANT: Rodney G. Gregory, general counsel, Friends of Corinne Brown (FL)
SUBJECT: In-kind contributions
DISPOSITION: (a) Reason to believe but took no further action, other than sending an admonishment letter*
(b) No reason to believe*

7. 3660

RESPONDENTS: Flower & Garden Magazine (MO)
COMPLAINANT: Dr. Philip W. Ogilvie (DC)
SUBJECT: In-kind contributions
DISPOSITION: No reason to believe*

8. 3729

RESPONDENTS: Friends of Cliff Stearns, Frank Stafford, treasurer (FL)
COMPLAINANT: Phil A. Denton (FL)
SUBJECT: Failure to file disclosure reports
DISPOSITION: No reason to believe*

9. 3737

RESPONDENTS: Auction Markets PAC of the Chicago Board of Trade, George Sladoje, treasurer (IL)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated
SUBJECT: Excessive contributions; incomplete disclosure
DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: \$4,500 civil penalty*

10. 3739

RESPONDENTS: Bob Krueger Campaign, Nina Guinn, treasurer (TX)
COMPLAINANT: Jay Velasquez, National Republican Senatorial Committee (DC)
SUBJECT: Disclaimer
DISPOSITION: No reason to believe*

*There 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.