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FEC RELEASES SEVEN INVESTIGATIVE FILES

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on seven 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. 3385

RESPONDENTS: Bush-Quayle '88, J. Stanley Huckaby, treasurer (VA)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (presidential audit)
SUBJECT: Overcharging press and Secret Service on air transportation
DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: \$10,000 civil penalty*
[and reimburse press \$133,818]

2. 3439/3370

RESPONDENTS: (a) Honorable Gerry E. Studds (MA);
(b) Studds for Congress Committee, Margaret D. Xifaras, treasurer (MA);
(c) Massachusetts Democratic State Committee - Federal Funds Account, Ronald M. Shaich, treasurer (MA);
COMPLAINANT: Leon J. Lombardi, chairman, Massachusetts Republican Party [3370]; Jon L. Bryan [3439]
SUBJECT: Disclaimer; statement of organization; coordinated party expenditures; incomplete contribution identification
DISPOSITION: (a) No reason to believe*
(b) Reason to believe but take no further action*
(c) Conciliation agreement: \$6,500 civil penalty*

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3. 3455

RESPONDENTS: (a) Waffle House, Inc., Joe W. Rogers, president (GA);
(b) Coverdell Senate Committee, Marvin Smith, treasurer (GA);
COMPLAINANT: James D. Hogan, Jr. (GA)
SUBJECT: Corporate contributions; fundraising solicitation
DISPOSITION: Reason to believe but take no further action, other than sending an admonishment letter*

4. 3465

RESPONDENTS: Committee to Elect Bradley, Gerald A. Bradley, treasurer (IL)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated
SUBJECT: Failure to file 48-hour contribution notices
DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: \$2,000 civil penalty*

5. 3545

RESPONDENTS: Charles A. Forrest, III (MI);
COMPLAINANT: Megan Jane O'Neill (MI)
SUBJECT: Confidentiality
DISPOSITION: No reason to believe*

6. 3573

RESPONDENTS: (a) Megan Jane O'Neill (MI);
(b) James A. O'Neill (MI);
(c) MiKel M. O'Neill (MI);
(d) Committee to Elect Megan O'Neill, Leonard C. Gorz, treasurer (MI)
COMPLAINANT: Charles A. Forrest, III (MI)
SUBJECT: Corporate and excessive contributions; improper reporting; failure to file disclosure reports at state level
DISPOSITION: (a)-(c) No reason to believe*
(d) 1. Reason to believe but take no further action* [re: disclosure at state level]
2. No reason to believe* [re: other allegations]

7. 3762

RESPONDENTS: Friends of Blackstock for Congress, Elaine Blackstock, treasurer (OK)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated
SUBJECT: Failure to file 48-hour contribution notices
DISPOSITION: Reason to believe but took no further action*

*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.