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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. It is as follows:

MUR NO.

1. 2889

RESPONDENTS: (a) Wyoming Rural Electric Association (WY);
(b) Craig Thomas for Congress, John Wold, treasurer (WY);
(c) National Citizens Action Network (CA);
(d) Wyoming Votes with Pride (WY);
(e) Good Government Group (WY)

COMPLAINANT: Sarah Gorin (WY)

SUBJECT: Campaign flyer; corporate expenditures; disclaimer; failure to register and report

DISPOSITION: (a) Conciliation agreement: \$600 civil penalty*
(b) No probable cause*
(c) Probable cause to believe but took no further action, other than to report the matter to the IRS*
(d) No reason to believe*
(e) Probable cause to believe but took no further action*

2. 3216

RESPONDENTS: Jim Rappaport for Senate, Vincent Santoro, treasurer (MA)

COMPLAINANT: William Elsbree, treasurer, Kerry for Senate in '90 Committee (MA)

SUBJECT: Failure to file 48-hour disclosure reports on candidate loans

DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: \$12,000 civil penalty*

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3. 3690

RESPONDENTS: (a) National Republican Congressional Committee, Donna Singleton, treasurer (DC);
 (b) Gilbert for Congress, Richard Buxton, treasurer (ID)

COMPLAINANT: Martin Peterson, campaign manager, LaRocco for Congress (ID)

SUBJECT: Disclaimer on postcard

DISPOSITION: (a) Reason to believe but took no further action*
 (b) No reason to believe*

4. 3700

RESPONDENTS: (a) Hoosiers for Dick Mourdock, J. William Dunn, treasurer (IN);
 (b) National Republican Congressional Committee, Donna Singleton, treasurer (DC)

COMPLAINANT: Melinda Plaisier, campaign manager, McCloskey for Congress Committee (IN)

SUBJECT: Mailing of postcard; disclaimer

DISPOSITION: (a)&(b) No reason to believe*

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*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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