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FEC CLOSSES 29 CASES UNDER NEW PRIORITIZATION SYSTEM -Cases identified as having low priority, little impact-

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission today announced that it has closed 29 cases without investigation. This follows the agency's announcement last December that it had instituted sweeping changes to the way it would enforce election laws, including prioritizing its caseload and using prosecutorial discretion to select the most significant cases to pursue.

Since purging the 137 cases from the investigative docket, over 165 new cases have been added, generated either by the filing of complaints, by referrals from other agencies, or by the FEC itself. Today's announcement of closings leaves the caseload at 361. Additional closings will be announced periodically.

For the past several years the FEC has wrestled with a growing enforcement caseload caused not only by a growing number of complaints filed, but also because of changes in the characteristics of those cases -- more respondents per case and cases involving increasingly more complex areas of election law. In an attempt to grapple with its burgeoning workload, the FEC adopted a system to:

- allow it to identify the cases which best warrant the use of the Commission's limited resources;
- establish realistic timeframes for resolving targeted cases;
- periodically evaluate and adjust its caseload for effective and efficient management.

Some determining factors employed in the FEC's prioritization system include the presence of knowing and willful intent, the impact of alleged violations on elections, the amount of money involved, and whether certain areas of the law require special attention.

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In an attempt to better deter violations, the Commission has revised its civil penalty policy several times. The following chart reflects the growing amounts of civil penalties assessed by the agency over the past nine fiscal years:

<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>	<u># CASES*</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
FY 1994 (partial-thru May/June)	51	\$621,504
FY 1993	87	\$572,599
FY 1992	165	\$465,403
FY 1991	220	\$429,862
FY 1990	161	\$227,900
FY 1989	157	\$428,225
FY 1988	168	\$271,780
FY 1987	145	\$301,165
FY 1986	161	\$175,830

*# Cases = only those in which civil penalties were assessed

The substantial reform of the FEC's enforcement program is best reflected in the attached examples of cases made public in the past 18 months. Of the more than 311 cases made public since January 1, 1993, 42 resulted in civil penalties totalling at least \$5,000.

Following the list is a description of each of the 29 cases closed with no action.

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SELECTED LIST OF FEC CASES
 MADE PUBLIC BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 1993 - JUNE 30, 1994
 -CASES IN WHICH CIVIL PENALTIES WERE AT LEAST \$5,000-
 (totals include all penalties paid by all respondents)

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MUR#	Main Respondent(s)	Civil Penalties
3309	Dole for President, (KS) Campaign America (DC), et. al. (several violations)	\$122,975
3360	Jack Kemp for President (VA) Victory '88 (VA) The Kemp/Dannemeyer Committee (VA) (several violations)	\$120,000
3418	Friends of John Glenn (FKA John Glenn Presidential Committee, Inc.) (OH) (failure to report accrued interest owed to four banks for loans)	\$ 65,000
3161/3104	"25,000 Annual Contributions Limit" case - 9 individuals - those paying over \$5,000: Harold Simmons (TX) 19,800 Donald Trump (NY) 15,000 Dwayne & Dorothy Andreas (IL) 8,000 Henry Kravis (NY) 8,000	\$ 56,900
2576	William J. Levitt (NY), et.al. (impermissible contributions)	\$ 45,250
3248	New York Democratic Party (NY) (failure to file reports, impermissible contributions)	\$ 45,000
2191	RuffPAC (VA), et.al. (impermissible contributions)	\$ 44,400
2598	Texas Republican Party, et. al.(TX) (impermissible contributions)	\$ 41,750
3467	George Bush for President Committee, (VA) et. al. (several violations)	\$ 41,500

3183 Insurance Coalition of America Inc. (CA) \$ 41,000
 Insurance Coalition of America Political
 Action Committee (INCA-PAC) (CA)
 3234 GSL Holding Corporation (CA)
 (impermissible contributions, failure to file)
 New York State Conservative Party (NY) \$ 30,000
 (impermissible contributions, failure file
 reports)
 2546/2174 The Helms Committee (NC) \$ 25,000
 (excessive contributions)
 3816 Gwen Margolis Campaign Fund (FL) \$ 20,000
 (failure to file 48-hour reports)
 3496 Enron PAC (TX) \$ 20,000
 (failure to file reports)
 3595 The Carpenters Legislative Improvement \$ 20,000
 Committee (CA)
 Los Angeles District Council of
 Carpenters (CA)
 (transfer of payroll deductions)
 3368/3119 Chandler for Congress (NJ) \$ 17,500
 Edmar Corporation (NJ)
 (impermissible contributions, failure
 to file 48-hour report)
 3854 Coloradans for Considine (CO) \$ 16,000
 (failure to file 48-hour reports)
 3175 Mary Bingham, et. al. (KY) \$ 15,500
 (exceeding \$25,000 annual contribution limit)
 3728 Nevada State Democratic Party (NV) \$ 15,000
 (failure to file reports)
 3899/
 Pre-Mur 296 D. Lloyd Wilson (NE) \$ 15,000
 (exceeding \$25,000 annual contribution limit)
 3461 Lonsdale for Senate '90 (OR) \$ 14,000
 (failure to file 48-hour reports,
 excessive contributions)
 3518/3453 National Albanian American PAC (FL) \$ 12,500
 (excessive contributions)
 3212 Durenberger '94 Volunteer Committee (MN) \$ 12,000
 (excessive contributions)

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3216	Jim Rappaport for Senate (MA) (failure to file 48 hour reports)	\$ 12,000
3844	Libertarian National Committee (DC) (failure to file reports)	\$ 10,500
3538/3526 Pre-MUR 257	Lawrence Smith (FL) Larry Smith for Congress Committee (FL) (personal use of campaign funds, failure to report disbursements) [FEC determined appropriate penalty for Smith to be \$20,000 - total \$25,000 for case - but due to unusual circumstances of case, accepted payment of \$5,000 and \$5,000]	\$ 10,000
3382	Friends of Sam Beard for U.S. Senate (DE) (failure to file 48-hour reports, impermissible contributions)	\$ 10,000
3524	Oregon Republican Party (OR) (failure to report advertising costs, in-kind contributions)	\$ 10,000
3385	Bush-Quayle '88 (VA) (overcharging press and secret service for transportation)	\$ 10,000
3928	Roy H. Cullen (TX) (exceeding \$25,000 annual contribution limit)	\$ 9,000
3850	M. Larry Lawrence (CA) (exceeding annual \$25,000 contribution limit)	\$ 7,179
3456	William Lerach (CA) (exceeding annual \$25,000 contribution limit)	\$ 7,100
3431	A Lot of Folks for Pat Williams (MT) (failure to timely disclose contributions)	\$ 7,000
3439/3370	Massachusetts Democratic State Central Committee, et. al. (MA) (coordinated party expenditures, incomplete contribution identification)	\$ 6,500
3761	Re-Elect Marilyn Lloyd to Congress (TN) (failure to file 48-hour reports)	\$ 6,000
3380	Collins for Congress (MA) (excessive contributions)	\$ 6,000

3785	MIG PAC (FL) Robert D. Barwick (FL) (excessive contributions, failure to identify contribution sources)	\$ 5,500
2841	Ed Jenkins for Congress Committee (GA) (independent expenditures)	\$ 5,500
3383	Re-Elect Senator Pell Committee (RI) (excessive contributions)	\$ 5,500
3746	Hilliard for Congress Campaign (AL) (failure to file 48-hour reports)	\$ 5,375
3517	Teamsters Local 959 Alaska Labor Independent Voter Education (AK) (impermissible contributions)	\$ 5,000
3223	Terry Sanford for U.S. Senate (NC) (excessive contributions)	\$ 5,000

*Civil penalty amounts listed in columns are totals for all respondents in a case, unless otherwise noted.

For more information on these cases see microfilm of actual case files.

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The following is a list of 29 compliance cases previously filed with the FEC (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. They are as follows:

MUR NO.

- 9 5 0 8 0 . 0 1 3 7 9
1. PRE-MUR 281
RESPONDENT: Anne Cox Chambers (GA)
COMPLAINANT: Sua sponte
SUBJECT: Exceeded \$25,000 annual contribution limit by \$23,500 in 1992
DISPOSITION: Took no action*
Sent admonishment letter.
 2. PRE-MUR 286
RESPONDENT: David Geffen (CA)
COMPLAINANT: Sua sponte
SUBJECT: Exceeded \$25,000 annual contribution limit in 1992
DISPOSITION: Took no action*
Sent admonishment letter.
 3. PRE-MUR 288
RESPONDENT: Kirk Terry Dornbush (GA)
COMPLAINANT: Sua sponte
SUBJECT: Inaccurate attribution of campaign contributions
DISPOSITION: Took no action*
Sent admonishment letter.
 4. PRE-MUR 289
RESPONDENT: Citizens Bank, Vienna, GA (GA)
COMPLAINANT: Referral from Lyle V. Helgerson, Regional Director
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (GA)
SUBJECT: Contribution by bank
DISPOSITION: Took no action*
 5. 3747
RESPONDENTS: (a) Congressman Jon Kyl (AZ)
(b) Jon Kyl Re-Election Committee, Clarence A. Delong, treasurer (AZ)
COMPLAINANT: Arizona State Democratic Committee, Steve Owens, Chairman (AZ)
SUBJECT: Failure to register, transfer of funds
DISPOSITION: (a-b) Took no action*

6. 3748

RESPONDENTS: (a) Perot '92 (FKA Perot Petition Committee),
Mike Poss, treasurer (TX)
(b) Mark T. Conlon (NY)
COMPLAINANT: Louis R. Centorani (NY)
SUBJECT: Failure to account for, deposit and report
contributions
DISPOSITION: (a-b) Took no action*

7. 3752

RESPONDENTS: (a) Committee to Elect Tony Valencia for Congress,
Walter Ludlow, treasurer (CA)
(b) White Horse Technologies, Inc., Herbert R.
Reginbogin, Executive Vice President, Corporate
Development (CA)
COMPLAINANT: Congressman Bob Filner (CA)
SUBJECT: Corporate contribution, improper/incomplete
disclosure reports, failure to file report
DISPOSITION: (a-b) Took no action*

8. 3754

RESPONDENTS: Mississippi Democratic Caucus PAC, Ann McDonald,
treasurer (MS)
COMPLAINANT: Friends of Bennie Thompson Campaign Committee (MS)
SUBJECT: Failure to register and report
DISPOSITION: Took no action*

9. 3758

RESPONDENTS: (a) Tsongas Committee, Inc., S. George Kokinos,
treasurer (MA)
(b) Texans for Tsongas (TX)
(c) Krueger Railroad Commission (TX)
(d) Robert Krueger (TX)
(e) Nina Guinn (TX)
COMPLAINANT: National Republican Senatorial Committee, Jay
Velasquez, Legal Counsel (DC)
SUBJECT: Excessive in-kind contributions, failure to register
and report
DISPOSITION: (a-e) Took no action*

10. 3763

RESPONDENTS: (a) Perot '92 (FKA Perot Petition Committee), Mike
Poss, treasurer (TX)
(b) Lehigh County Interim Board of United We Stand
America, Eric Rubin, Chairman (PA)
(c) Eric Rubin (PA)
(d) James Blaylock (PA)
(e) Daniel Oswald (PA)

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COMPLAINANT: James Ronald Fike (PA)
SUBJECT: Failure to account for and report receipts
DISPOSITION: (a-e) Took no action*

11. 3766

RESPONDENT: 1992 Democratic National Convention Committee (DNCC),
Robert T. Matsui, treasurer (DC)
COMPLAINANT: U.S. News & World Report, Gail A. Lione, General
Counsel (DC)
SUBJECT: Improper disclosure of disbursements
DISPOSITION: Took no action*

12. 3775

RESPONDENT: Tillman Law Firm (SC)
COMPLAINANT: Van D. Hipp, Jr. (SC)
SUBJECT: Fraudulent misrepresentation of campaign authority by
production and distribution of unauthorized campaign
materials
DISPOSITION: Took no action*

13. 3778

RESPONDENTS: (a) Mary Rose Oaker for Congress Committee, Patrick
J. O' Donnell, treasurer (OH)
(b) Congresswoman Mary Rose Oakar (OH)
COMPLAINANT: Margaret R. Mathna, D/B/A MARC, INC. (DC)
SUBJECT: Failure to disclose debt
DISPOSITION: (a-b) Took no action*

14. 3780

RESPONDENTS: (a) Perot '92 (FKA Perot Petition Committee), Mike
Poss, treasurer (CA)
(b) United We Stand - Santa Barbara, Lee H.
Garlington, Ph.D., treasurer (CA)
(c) Lee H. Garlington, Ph.D. (CA)
COMPLAINANT: Gretchen Marszalk (CA)
SUBJECT: Failure to file reports, excessive contributions,
failure to disclose disbursements
DISPOSITION: (a-c) Took no action*

15. 3786

RESPONDENTS: (a) Texans for Fisher, Inc., James N. Howard,
treasurer (TX)
(b) The Monitor, Larry C. Wingert, Publisher (TX)
COMPLAINANT: Alejandro Moreno, Jr. (TX)
SUBJECT: Disclaimer
DISPOSITION: (a-b) Took no action*

16. 3791

RESPONDENTS: (a) Anita for Congress Committee, Marcelline I. Curran, treasurer (CA)
(b) Anita Perez Ferguson (CA)
(c) Barbara Boxer for U.S. Senate, Harold Silen, treasurer (CA)
(d) Daphne Becker CA)
(e) Friends of Daphne Becker for Congress, Jeffery R. Becker, treasurer (CA)
(f) Moorpark General Store (CA)
(g) Landmark I. Ltd. (CA)
(h) William Ferguson (CA)

COMPLAINANT: National Republican Congressional Committee, Maria Cino, Executive Director (DC)

SUBJECT: Improper consolidation and reporting of candidate loans, failure to report in-kind contributions, inadequate personal assets to cover candidate loans

DISPOSITION: (a-h) Took no action*

17. 3793

RESPONDENTS: (a) Miguel Martinez (CA)
(b) Latinos for Better Government, Gonzalo R. Torres, Esquire (CA)
(c) San Mateo County Democratic Party, Gregory Wild, treasurer (CA)

COMPLAINANT: Ernst Epstein, M.D. (CA)

SUBJECT: Unauthorized use of campaign funds

DISPOSITION: (a-c) Took no action*

18. 3795

RESPONDENTS: (a) Senator Robert Dole (KS)
(b) Ross Perot (TX)

COMPLAINANT: Ray Rollinson (FL)

SUBJECT: Failure to register and report

DISPOSITION: (a-b) Took no action*

19. 3804

RESPONDENTS: (a) Jeff Devine for Congress, Ed Berry, treasurer (IN)
(b) Edward L. Devine (IN)

COMPLAINANT: Walter Hallett (IN)

SUBJECT: Failure to report, disclaimer

DISPOSITION: (a-b) Took no action*

20. 3806

RESPONDENTS: (a) Friends of Jim Folsom, Jr., John J. Guthrie, treasurer (AL)
(b) Governor James E. Folsom, Jr. (AL)
(c) Hugh Morrow, Jr. (AL)
COMPLAINANT: Thomas H. Mills (AL)
SUBJECT: Failure to file reports, excessive contributions
DISPOSITION: (a-c) Took no action*

21. 3812

RESPONDENTS: (a) Bush-Quayle '92 General Committee, Inc., J. Stanley Huckaby, treasurer (DC)
(b) David F. Bolger (NJ)
(c) Mayor Patrick Mancuso, Village of Ridgewood (NJ)
COMPLAINANT: Wilber Edwards (NJ)
SUBJECT: Excessive in-kind contribution
DISPOSITION: (a-c) Took no action*

22. 3819

RESPONDENTS: (a) Delegate David Brickley (VA)
(b) Friends of David Brickley (VA)
(c) Senator Charles S. Robb (VA)
(d) Robb for The Senate Committee, Alson H. Smith, Jr., treasurer (VA)
COMPLAINANT: William H. King, Chairman, Prince William County Republican Committee (VA)
SUBJECT: Contribution from unregistered committee allegedly made with corporate funds
DISPOSITION: (a-d) Took no action*

23. 3821

RESPONDENTS: (a) Friends of Patrick Kennedy, William Sanbento, Jr., treasurer (RI)
(b) The Honorable Patrick Kennedy
(c) Effective Government Committee, Jacqueline M. Fortes, treasurer (DC)
(d) Congressman Richard A Gephardt (MO)
COMPLAINANT: National Republican Congressional Committee, Maria Cino, Executive Director (DC)
SUBJECT: Failure to register and report
DISPOSITION: (a-d) Took no action*

24. 3827

RESPONDENTS: (a) Clinton for President, Inc., Robert A. Farmer, treasurer, (AR)
(b) Abrams '92, Ethan M. Geto, treasurer (NY)
(c) Al Gordon, Chairman, New York State Democratic Committee (NY)
(d) New York State Democratic Committee, Rosemary Conway, treasurer (NY)
(e) Democratic Victory '92, and its treasurer (NY)
(f) Gigi Georges, Executive Director, New York State Democratic Committee, (NY)
(g) John Marino (NY)
(h) James Cunningham, Senior Vice President for Public Affairs, New York Power Authority (NY)
(i) New York Power Authority (NY)
COMPLAINANT: William D. Powers, Chairman, New York State Republican Committee, (NY)
SUBJECT: In-kind corporate contribution
DISPOSITION: (a-i) Took no action*

25. 3830

RESPONDENTS: (a) Clinton for President, Inc., Robert A. Farmer, treasurer (AR)
(b) Cordray Committee, Frank E. Cordray, Sr., treasurer (OH)
(c) Citizens for Stinziano, Raymond J. Albert, treasurer (OH)
COMPLAINANT: Jerry Neal (OH)
SUBJECT: Excessive in-kind contribution, impermissible contribution
DISPOSITION: (a-c) Took no action*

26. 3835

RESPONDENTS: (a) Congressman Jay Inslee (WA)
(b) Inslee for Congress Committee, James W. Wise, treasurer (WA)
COMPLAINANT: John R. Morris (WA)
SUBJECT: Improper use of campaign funds
DISPOSITION: Took no action*

27. 3842

RESPONDENTS: Friends of Steve Stockman, Stephen E. Stockman, treasurer (TX)
COMPLAINANT: LeCour for U.S. Congress, Stephen M. Clifford, Campaign consultant (TX)
SUBJECT: Inadequate personal assets to cover candidate loan
DISPOSITION: Took no action*

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28. 3849

RESPONDENTS: (a) Schweikert '94 Exploratory Committee, Don
Ciarametaro, treasurer (AZ)
(b) The Honorable David Schweikert (AZ)
(c) The Honorable Mark Killian (AZ)
COMPLAINANT: Steven L. Townsend (AZ)
SUBJECT: Failure to file register and report
DISPOSITION: (a-c) Took no action*

29. 3917

RESPONDENTS: (a) Tim Moyer (WA)
(b) Friends of Tim Moyer for Congress Committee, Tom
Slater, treasurer (WA)
COMPLAINANT: Wanda H. Riley (WA)
SUBJECT: Disclaimer
DISPOSITION: (a-b) Took no action*

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*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.