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FEC RELEASES TWO COMPLIANCE CASES

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on two matters previously under review (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.

1. MUR 4159

RESPONDENTS: (a) Peter B. Kappelman (FL)
(b) Merle A. Kappelman (FL)
COMPLAINANT: Harold W. Needham (FL)
SUBJECT: Foreign national contributions
DISPOSITION: (a-b) Reason to believe, but took no further action*
Sent admonishment letters.

2. MUR 4239

RESPONDENTS: (a) Ted Arison (Israel)
(b) The Florida Congressional Committee, Forrest B. Raffel, treasurer (FL)
(c) Harvey Friedman (FL)
COMPLAINANT: Sua sponte
SUBJECT: Foreign national contributions
DISPOSITION: (a) Conciliation Agreement: \$5,000 civil penalty*
(b) Conciliation Agreement: \$2,000 civil penalty*
(c) Reason to believe, but took no further action*
Sent admonishment letter.

*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.

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