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FEC RELEASES SEVEN COMPLIANCE CASES AND INQUIRY

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on seven matters previously under review (MURs) and one inquiry. 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. **Pre-MUR 338**

RESPONDENTS: (a) Richard Chrysler, Inc. (MI)
(b) Honorable Richard R. Chrysler (MI)
(c) Dick Chrysler for Congress, (MI)
COMPLAINANTS: Referral by Saul A. Green, United States Attorney and Garry M. Felder, Assistant U. S. Attorney, Eastern District of Michigan
SUBJECT: Corporate contributions
DISPOSITION: (a-c) Took no action*

2. **MUR 4259**

RESPONDENTS: (a) Mercer County Democratic Committee, S. Sherman Golomb, treasurer (NJ)
(b) New Jersey Committee '94, S. Sherman Golomb, treasurer (NJ)
(c) Lautenberg Committee (1994), Alan K. Bloom, treasurer (NJ)
(d) New Jersey Democratic State Committee, Raul Garcia, treasurer (NJ)
(e) D.R.I.V.E. Political Fund (International Brotherhood of Teamsters) (DC)
(f) Leon Hess (NJ)
(g) Jeffrey Katzenberg (CA)
(h) Mr. Henry Taub (NJ)
(i) Atalanta Corporation (NJ)
(j) Automatic Data Processing, Inc. (NJ)
(k) Barnegat Nursing Center (NJ)
(l) Hatco Corporation (NJ)
(m) Kalison & McBride, P.A. (NJ)
(n) Outdoor Advertising, Inc. (NJ)
(o) The Ridley Group, Inc. (DC)
(p) Seniors Management, Inc. (NJ)
(q) Washington Nursing Facility (NJ)
COMPLAINANTS: Mercer County Republican Chairman, John Hansbury, Mercer County Republican Committee (NJ)
SUBJECT: Corporate contributions; excessive contributions; union contributions; failure to amend Statement of Organization; failure to accurately report receipts and

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disbursements; failure to accurately comply with joint fundraising procedures; improper transfer of non-federal funds to federal account for disbursements to joint fundraising participants

DISPOSITION: (a-c) Conciliation Agreement:
- Mercer County Democratic Committee: $9,500 civil penalty;
- Lautenberg Committee: disgorge $20,895.40 to the Federal Election Commission, representing the amount of non-federal funds transferred by the New Jersey Committee.
- Respondents to amend reports to accurately reflect receipts and disbursements of allocable expenses used for joint fundraising

(d) No reason to believe* [re: any provision of the law]
(e-h) No reason to believe* [re: excessive contributions]
(i-q) No reason to believe* [re: corporate contributions]

3. **MUR 4267**

RESPONDENTS: New Hampshire Democratic State Committee, Gaetan Digangi, treasurer (NH)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (Audit)
SUBJECT: Excessive anonymous contributions; failure to accurately report joint fundraising receipts
DISPOSITION: Took no action*

4. **MUR 4286**

RESPONDENTS:
(a) General Cigar Company, Inc. (CT)
(b) Austin T. McNamara, President, General Cigar Company, Inc. (CT)
(c) Robert Loftus, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, General Cigar Company, Inc. (CT)
(d) Barbara Sambrook, Executive Assistant, General Cigar Company, Inc. (CT)
(e) Friends of Newt Gingrich, Briggs Goggans, treasurer (GA)
(f) Dole for President, Inc., Robert E. Lighthizer, treasurer (DC)
(g) William B. Currier (CT)
(h) John M. Rano (CT)
(i) David Burgh (CT)
(j) William Conder (FL)
(k) Frank G. Fina (PA)

COMPLAINANT: Paul Cleveland (CT)
SUBJECT: Corporate contributions/contributions in the names of others
DISPOSITION: (a-b) Conciliation Agreement: $80,000 civil penalty*
(c) Reason to believe (knowing and willful), but took no further action* [re: corporate contributions/contributions in the names of others]
(d) Reason to believe, but took no further action* [re: contributions in the names of others]
(c-d) Sent admonishment letters.
(e-f) No reason to believe* [re: any provision of the law]
(g-k) Reason to believe, but took no further action* [re: contributions in the names of others]
Sent admonishment letters.

5. **MUR 4490 [See Conciliation Agreement Inquiry - MUR 3620]**

RESPONDENTS:

(a) Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, Paul Johnson, treasurer (DC)
(b) The Honorable Max Baucus (MT)
(c) Friends of Max Baucus, Nancy Nicholson, treasurer (MT)
(d) Roger H. Bedford (AL)
(e) Roger H. Bedford for U.S. Senate, Richard Todd, treasurer (AL)
(f) Steven L. Beshear (KY)
(g) Beshear for U.S. Senate Committee, Charles L. Stivers, treasurer (KY)
(h) The Honorable Joseph R. Biden (DE)
(i) Citizens for Biden - 1996, Melvyn Monzack, treasurer (DE)
(j) The Honorable James H. Boren (OK)
(k) Jim Boren for U.S. Senate Committee, Patty Myers, treasurer (OK)
(l) Joseph E. Brennan (ME)
(m) Brennan for U.S. Senate, William B. Troubh, treasurer (ME)
(n) Thomas H. Bruggere (OR)
(o) Tom Bruggere for U.S. Senate, Robert Van Brocklin, treasurer (OR)
(p) Winston Bryant (AR)
(q) Committee to Elect Winston Bryant for U.S. Senate, Clifford P. Block, treasurer (AR)
(r) The Honorable J. Max Cleland (GA)
(s) Friends of Max Cleland for the U.S. Senate, Inc., H. Wayne Howell, former treasurer, Stephen R. Leeds, treasurer (GA)
(t) Elliott S. Close (SC)
(u) Elliott S. Close for U.S. Senate, Harry M. Dalton, treasurer (SC)
(v) The Honorable Richard J. Durbin (IL)
(w) Friends of Dick Durbin Committee, Michael E. Daly, treasurer (IL)
(x) Joan M. Finney (KS)
(y) Joan Finney for U.S. Senate Committee, Dan Lykins, treasurer (KS)
(z) Harvey B. Gantt (NC)
(aa) Harvey Gantt for Senate Campaign Committee, Bobby T. Martin, treasurer (NC)
(bb) Houston Gordon (TN)
(cc) Houston Gordon for Senate (Friends of Houston Gordon), Charles W. Bone, treasurer (TN)
(dd) The Honorable Tom Harkin (IA)
(ee) Citizens for Harkin, Theresa Kehoe, treasurer (IA)
(ff) Richard P. Ieyoub (LA)
(gg) Ieyoub for Senate Committee, Inc., Ruth Lynn Russell, treasurer (LA)
(hh) The Honorable Tim Johnson (SD)
(ii) Tim Johnson for South Dakota, Inc., Berniece F. Mayer, treasurer (SD)
(jj) Kathy Karpan (WY)
(kk) Karpan for Wyoming, Roger Schreiner, treasurer (WY)
(ll) The Honorable John F. Kerry (MA)
(mm) Kerry Committee, William L. Elsbree, treasurer (MA)
(nn) The Honorable Mary L. Landrieu (LA)
(oo) Mary Landrieu for Senate Committee, Inc., Thomas C. Delahaye, treasurer (LA)
(pp) The Honorable Carl Levin (MI)
(qq) Friends of Senator Carl Levin, Robert Naftaly, treasurer (MI)
Walter C. Minnick (ID)
(rr) Minnick for Senate, Gardner W. Skinner Jr., treasurer (ID)

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(ss) Victor M. Morales (TX)
(tt) Victor Morales for Senate Campaign Committee, Susan Hays, treasurer (TX)
(uu) The Honorable Benjamin E. Nelson (NE)
(vv) Nebraskans for Nelson, Michael A. Shrier, treasurer (NE)
(ww) Theresa Nangle Obermeyer, Ph. D. (AK)
(xx) Alaskans for Theresa Nangle Obermeyer, Ph. D., Thomas S. Obermeyer, treasurer (AK)
(yy) Shawn Richard O'Hara (MS)
(zz) Shawn O'Hara U.S. Senate, Alan Webster, treasurer (MS)
(ab) The Honorable Jack Reed (RI)
(ac) Reed Committee, Elizabeth R. Young, treasurer (RI)
(ad) The Honorable John D. Rockefeller, IV (WV)
(ae) Friends of Senator Rockefeller, Martha G. Wehrle, treasurer (WV)
(af) Thomas L. Strickland (CO)
(ag) Friends of Tom Strickland, Inc., Christopher W. Romer, treasurer (CO)
(ah) Dick Swett (NH)
(ai) Swett for Senate, Katrina Lantos Swett, treasurer (NH)
(aj) Sally Thompson (KS)
(ak) Sally Thompson for U.S. Senate, Joan Wagnon, treasurer (KS)
(al) The Honorable Robert G. Torricello (NJ)
(am) Torricelli for U.S. Senate Inc., Stephen Moses, former treasurer, Adam Crain, treasurer (NJ)
(an) Art Trujillo (NM)
(ao) Committee to Elect Art Trujillo, Skip Eaton, treasurer (NM)
(ap) Mark R. Warner (VA)
(aq) Friends of Mark Warner, Gerald McGowan, treasurer (VA)
(ar) The Honorable Paul Wellstone (MN)
(as) Wellstone for Senate, Richard S. Kahn, treasurer (MN)
(at) American Federation of State County & Municipal Employees - P.E.O.P.L.E., William Lucy, treasurer (DC)
(au) Committee for Good Government International Union UAW, Larry Smith, treasurer (MI)
(av) Transportation Political Education League (TPEL), Roger D. Griffeth, treasurer (OH)
(aw) Maryanne Hanson Alix (MI)
(ax) Madeline Berman (MI)
(ay) Mandell L. Berman (MI)
(az) Maurice Cohen (MI)
(ba) Sadie Cohen (MI)
(bc) Dorothy Gerson (MI)
(bd) Irwin Green (MI)
(be) Doreen Hermelin (MI)
(bf) Robert Larson (MI)
(bg) David Mondry
(bh) Miriam Mondry (MI)
(bi) Robert S. Nathan (CA)
(bj) Susan Rogel (MI)
(bk) Richard Rogel (MI)
(bl) Timothy F. Wuliger (OH)
(bm) Joel D. Tauber (MI)
(bn) Linda Dresner (MI)

COMPLAINANTS: National Republican Senatorial Committee, John D. Heubusch, Executive Director (DC)

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SUBJECT: Failure to comply with conciliation agreement; failure to report earmarked contributions; excessive contributions
DISPOSITION: (a-bn) Took no action*

6. **MUR 4502 [See Conciliation Agreement Inquiry - MUR 3620]**

RESPONDENTS: (a) Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, Paul Johnson, treasurer (DC)
(b) Docking for U.S. Senate, William R. Docking, treasurer (KS)
(c) Jill Ann Sadowsky Docking (KS)
COMPLAINANTS: National Republican Senatorial Committee, John D. Heubusch, Executive Director (DC)
SUBJECT: Failure to comply with conciliation agreement; failure to report earmarked contributions; excessive contributions
DISPOSITION: (a-c) Took no action*

7. **MUR 4609**

RESPONDENTS: McDonald for Senate Committee, Philip C. Benefield, treasurer (AL)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (RAD)
SUBJECT: Failure to file 48-hour reports
DISPOSITION: Conciliation Agreement: $50,000 civil penalty*

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT INQUIRY - MUR 3620

RESPONDENTS: Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, Paul Johnson, treasurer (DC)
COMPLAINANTS: Benjamin L. Ginsberg, counsel to National Republican Senatorial Committee, on behalf of John D. Heubusch, Executive Director, National Republican Senatorial Committee
SUBJECT: Emergency Motion for Civil Enforcement of Conciliation Agreement: Continuing knowing and willful violation of previous conciliation agreement through failure to implement remedial provisions to tally program; funneling excessive earmarked contributions to specific candidates via coordinated expenditures
DISPOSITION: Took no further action at this time as there appeared to be technical compliance with Conciliation Agreement of August 16, 1995.
Sent admonishment letter.
Respondents advised to take steps to ensure the improved operation of tally program.

***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 requires 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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