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May 30, 8991

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Dear DP* Bednam:

This letter responds to your rewest for an advisoq opinion concerning your desire Lo conduct of aumey of salaq ranges for certified dental consultante, YQUZ letter hae been referred to
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csmpeefeors or is used ts coerce, or threaten ta coerce, buyers concerning the prices they pay or other terns of trade, 1 am enclosing for your information copies of a speech T delivered recently discussing exchanges of prices infomation and of three staff advisory opinions on that subject,

I hope this infomation answers your questions. If you ndkd more inlomation, please contact Judy Moreland, a senior attorney in this office, Her telephone n er is (202) 326-2796.

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Assistant Director

May 13, 1891

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