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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20580

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Re: Alon/Paramount, FTC File No. 06 1-0 1 88

Dear Mr. Smith:

?'he Federal Trade Commission has conducted a nonpublic investigation to determine whether the proposed acquisition by Alon Israel Oil Company Ltd. of Paramount Petroleum Corporalion may violate Section 7 of the Clayton Act or Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act.

IJpon further review of this. matter, it now appears that no additional action is warranted
by the Ctsmmission at this time. Accordingly, the investigation has been closed. This action is not to be construed as a determination that a violation has not occurred, just as pendency of an investigation should not be construed as a determination that a violation has occurred.

Sincerely,).

Director