

acceptance of the negotiated term creates an unfortunate precedent. Future respondents are likely to seek comparable concessions, increasing both the public and private costs of law enforcement negotiations. To the extent that the order reduces the length of the period for public comment and no good cause for that departure from the Commission's rules having been shown, I dissent.

Nor should the commission condone fixing a date certain for termination of the hold-separate agreement.² This means that to preserve its options, the Commission must decide the matter by a date certain, which trivializes the decisionmaking process. The Commission can expedite matters and has done so when appropriate,³ as consistent with a careful review of the merits. A willingness to act expeditiously is quite different from acquiescing in advance to a "drop dead date" that may leave the Commission unable fully to consider issues and conditions as they may then exist or as they may be revealed during the public comment period.⁴

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[Dkt. C-411]

The H.D. Lee Co., Inc.; Prohibited Trade Practices and Affirmative Corrective Actions

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Set aside order.

SUMMARY: This order reopens a 1965 consent order—which settled allegations that the respondent discriminated in the offering of advertising or promotional payments to its customers in connection with the resale of its wearing apparel—and sets aside the consent order pursuant to the

which requires a 60-day public comment period for Department of Justice antitrust consent orders. The Tunney Act also provides that the 60-day public comment period "shall not be shortened except by order of the district court upon a showing that (1) extraordinary circumstances require such shortening and (2) such shortening is not adverse to the public interest." 15 U.S.C. §16(d).

² A hold separate agreement preserves a viable and competitive business, independent of the acquirer, in part to ensure the Commission's ability to require a divestiture. When the hold separate agreement expires, the parties are free to consummate their transaction.

³ Expedited treatment for one respondent means moving that matter to the front of the queue. The Commission ordinarily has required a showing that such treatment is warranted.

⁴ The Commission and the public interest would be disserved to the extent that useful comments from the public are abbreviated or perhaps not even submitted because of the shortened public comment period.

Commission's Sunset Policy Statement, under which the Commission presumes that the public interest requires terminating competition orders that are more than 20 years old.

DATES: Consent order issued May 1, 1963.* Set aside order issued February 14, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roberta Baruch, FTC/S-2115, Washington, DC 20580. (202) 326-2861.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the Matter of The H.D. Lee Co., Inc. The prohibited trade practices and/or corrective actions are removed as indicated.

(Sec. 6, 38 Stat. 721; 15 U.S.C. 46. Interprets or applies sec. 2, 49 Stat. 1526; 25 U.S.C. 13)

In the Matter of The H.D. Lee Co., Inc., a corporation; Order Reopening Proceeding and Setting Aside Order.

[Docket No. C-411]

Commissioners: Janet D. Steiger, Chairman Mary L. Azcuenaga, Roscoe B. Starek, III, Christine A. Varney.

On October 26, 1994, The Lee Apparel Company, Inc., formerly The H.D. Lee Co., Inc. ("Lee") filed its Petition To Reopen and Set Aside Consent Order ("Petition") in this matter. Lee requests that the Commission set aside the 1965 consent order in this matter pursuant to Rule 1.51 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 16 C.F.R. § 2.51, and the *Statement of Policy With Respect to Duration of Competition Orders and Statement of Intention to Solicit Public Comment With Respect to Duration of Consumer Protection Orders*, issued July 22, 1994, published at 59 Fed. Reg. 45,286-92 (Sept. 1, 1994) ("Sunset Policy Statement"). In the Petition, Lee affirmatively states that it has not engaged in any conduct violating the terms of the order. The Petition was placed on the public record, and the thirty-day comment period expired on December 15, 1994. No comments were received.

The Commission in its July 22, 1994, Sunset Policy Statement said, in relevant part, that "effective immediately, the Commission will presume, in the context of petitions to reopen and modify existing orders, that the public interest requires setting aside orders in effect for more than twenty years."¹ The Commission's order in Docket No. C-411 became final on August 9, 1995, and has been in effect for more than twenty-nine years. Consistent with the Commission's July 22, 1994, Sunset Policy Statement, the presumption is that the order should be terminated. Nothing to overcome the

* The consent order was made effective on August 9, 1995.

¹ See Sunset Policy Statement, 59 FR at 45,289.

presumption having been presented, the Commission has determined to reopen the proceeding and set aside the order in Docket No. C-411.

Accordingly, it is ordered that this matter be, and it hereby is, reopened:

It is further ordered that the Commission's order in Docket No. C-411 be, and it hereby is, set aside, as of the effective date of this order.

By the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,

Secretary.

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[File No. 951 0012]

Service Corporation International; Proposed Consent Agreement With Analysis To Aid Public Comment

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Proposed Consent Agreement.

SUMMARY: In settlement of alleged violations of federal law prohibiting unfair acts and practices and unfair methods of competition—in connection with Service Corporation International's acquisition of Uniservice Corporation—this consent agreement, accepted subject to final Commission approval, would require, among other things, the Texas corporation to divest, to a Commission-approved acquirer, the Uniservice Corporation assets and businesses in Medford, Oregon, within twelve months or transfer responsibility for the divestiture to a trustee appointed by the Commission, and to obtain prior Commission approval, for a period of ten years, before acquiring any interest in funeral establishments or cemeteries in Jackson County, Oregon.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 8, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be directed to: FTC/Office of the Secretary, Room 159, 6th St. and Pa Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: K. Shane Woods or Charles A. Harwood, FTC/Seattle Regional Office, 915 Second Ave., Suite 2806, Seattle, WA. 98174. (206) 220-6350.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 6(f) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 38 Stat. 721, 15 U.S.C. 46 and Section 2.34 of the Commission's Rules of Practice (16 CFR 2.34), notice is hereby given that the following consent agreement containing a consent order to cease and desist, having been filed with and accepted, subject to final approval, by the Commission, has been placed on the public record for a period of sixty (60) days. Public comment is invited. Such comments or views will

be considered by the Commission and will be available for inspection and copying at its principal office in accordance with Section 4.9(b)(6)(ii) of the Commission's Rules of Practice (16 CFR 4.9(b)(6)(ii)).

In the matter of Service Corporation International, a corporation. File No. 951-0012.

Agreement Containing Consent Order

The Federal Trade Commission ("Commission"), having initiated an investigation of the acquisition of the voting securities of Uniservice Corporation by Service Corporation International, SCI Oregon Funeral Services, Inc., and UC Acquisition Corp. (collectively, "SCI"), and it now appearing that SCI, hereinafter sometimes referred to as "proposed respondent," is willing to enter into an agreement containing an order to divest certain assets and to cease and desist from certain acts, and providing for other relief:

It is hereby agreed by and between proposed respondent, by its duly authorized officers and attorney, and counsel for the Commission that

1. Proposed respondent Service Corporation International is a corporation organized, existing and doing business under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Texas with its office and principal place of business located at 1929 Allen Parkway, Houston, Texas 77019.

2. Proposed respondent admits all the jurisdictional facts set forth in the draft of complaint.

3. Proposed respondent waives:

- a. any further procedural steps;
- b. the requirement that the

Commission's decision contain a statement of findings of fact and conclusions of law;

c. all rights to seek judicial review or otherwise to challenge or contest the validity of the order entered pursuant to this agreement; and

d. any claim under the Equal Access to Justice Act.

4. This agreement shall not become part of the public record of the proceeding unless and until it is accepted by the Commission. If this agreement is accepted by the Commission it, together with the draft of complaint contemplated thereby, will be placed on the public record for a period of sixty (60) days and information in respect thereto publicly released. The Commission thereafter may either withdraw its acceptance of this agreement and so notify the proposed respondent, in which event it will take such action as it may consider appropriate, or issue and serve its

complaint (in such form as the circumstances may require) and decision, in disposition of the proceeding.

5. This agreement is for settlement purposes only and does not constitute an admission by proposed respondent that the law has been violated as alleged in the draft of complaint, or that the facts as alleged in the draft complaint, other than jurisdictional facts, are true.

6. This agreement contemplates that, if it is accepted by the Commission, and if such acceptance is not subsequently withdrawn by the Commission pursuant to the provisions of § 2.34 of the Commission's Rules, the Commission may, without further notice to the proposed respondent, (1) Issue its complaint corresponding in form and substance with the draft of complaint and its decision containing the following order to divest and to cease and desist in disposition of the proceeding, and (2) make information public with respect thereto. When so entered, the order to cease and desist shall have the same force and effect and may be altered, modified or set aside in the same manner and within the same time provided by statute for other orders. The order shall become final upon service. Delivery by the U.S. Postal Service of the complaint and decision containing the agreed-to order to proposed respondent's address as stated in this agreement shall constitute service. Proposed respondent waives any right it may have to any other manner of service. The complaint may be used in construing the terms of the order, and no agreement, understanding, representation, or interpretation not contained in the order or the agreement may be used to vary or contradict the terms of the order.

7. Proposed respondent has read the proposed complaint and order contemplated hereby. Proposed respondent understands that once the order has been issued, it will be required to file one or more compliance reports showing that it has fully complied with the order. Proposed respondent further understands that it may be liable for civil penalties in the amount provided by law for each violation of the order after it becomes final.

Order I

It is ordered that, as used in this order, the following definitions shall apply:

A. "Respondent" or "SCI" means Service Corporation International, its predecessors, subsidiaries, divisions, and groups and affiliates controlled by

Service Corporation International, their successors and assigns, and their directors, officers, employees, agents, and representatives.

B. "Commission" means the Federal Trade Commission.

C. "Funerals" means a group of services provided at the death of an individual, the focus of which is some form of commemorative ceremony concerning the deceased at which ceremony the body is present; this group of services ordinarily includes, but it not limited to: the removal of the body from the place of death; its embalming or other preparation; making available a place for visitation and viewing, for the conduct of a funeral service, and for the display of caskets and outside cases; and the arrangement for and conveyance of the body to a cemetery or crematory for final disposition.

D. "Funeral establishment" means the Assets and Businesses of a facility that provides funerals.

E. "Cemetery services" means the provision of plots of land for, and the services associated with, the final disposition of human remains by burial.

F. "Cemetery" means the Assets and Businesses of a facility that provides cemetery services.

G. "Cremation" means the incineration of human remains.

H. "Crematory" means the Assets and Businesses of a facility that performs cremations.

I. "Assets and Businesses" include all assets, properties, business and goodwill, tangible and intangible, utilized by a funeral establishment, cemetery or crematory, including but not limited to, the following:

1. all right, title and interest in and to owned or leased real property, together with appurtenances, licenses and permits;

2. all right to serve as directors on the Board of the Siskiyou Memorial Park;

3. all vendor lists, management information systems and software used on-site, and all catalogs, sales promotion literature and advertising materials, except that SCI may delete from such materials the Uniservice name, trademark or other identification;

4. all machinery, fixtures, equipment, vehicles, transportation facilities, furniture, tools and other tangible personal property;

5. all right, title and interest in and to the contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business with customers (together with associated bids and performance bonds), supplies, sales representatives, distributors, agents,

personal property lessors, personal property lessees, licensors, licensees, consignors and consignees;

6. all right, title and interest in the trade name of each funeral establishment, cemetery or crematory;

7. all right, title and interest in the books, records and files pertinent to any of the Properties to be Divested; and

8. a license to use the trade name "Carillon" in connection with the final disposition of cremains, a license to use the trademark "Life Centered Funeral Services" in connection with the sale of funerals, and a license to use the trademark "Life Trust" in connection with the sale of pre-need contracts, but in each case only in Medford and its environs.

J. "Properties to be Divested" means all of the Assets and Businesses of the following funeral establishment, cemeteries and crematories:

1. Perl Funeral Home, 426 W. 6th Street, Medford, OR 97501-2713
2. Perl With Siskiyou Funeral Service, 2100 Siskiyou Boulevard, Medford, OR 97504-8048
3. Siskiyou Memorial Park (cemetery), 2100 Siskiyou Boulevard, Medford, OR 97504-8048
4. Siskiyou Memorial Park (crematory), 2100 Siskiyou Boulevard, Medford, OR 97504-8048

II

It is further ordered that:

A. Respondent shall divest, absolutely and in good faith, within twelve months of the date this order becomes final, the Properties to be Divested, including resigning as directors of the Siskiyou Memorial Park and appointing individuals specified by the acquirer or acquirers to fill the vacancies created by those resignations; provided, however, that if the acquirer or acquirers choose not to acquire the Assets and Businesses of the crematory at 2100 Siskiyou Boulevard, because the acquirer or acquirers do not need such assets to engage in the business of providing funerals and cemetery services, respondent shall not be required to divest such assets; and provided further that if the acquirer or acquirers choose not to acquire any of the licenses described in Paragraph I I. 8 of this order, respondent shall not be required to divest such asset or assets.

B. Respondent shall divest the Properties to be Divested only to an acquirer or acquirers that receive the prior approval of the Commission and only in a manner that receives the prior approval of the Commission. The purpose of the divestiture of the Properties to be Divested is to ensure the continued use of the Properties to be

Divested in the same business in which the Properties to be Divested are engaged at the time of the proposed divestiture, and to remedy the lessening of competition resulting from the proposed acquisition as alleged in the Commission's complaint.

C. Pending divestiture of the properties to be Divested, respondent shall take such actions as are necessary to maintain the viability and marketability of the Properties to be Divested and to prevent the destruction, removal, wasting, deterioration, or impairment of any of the Properties to be Divested except for ordinary wear and tear.

D. Respondent shall comply with all terms of the Agreement to Hold Separate, attached to this order and made a part hereof as Appendix I. The Agreement to Hold Separate shall continue in effect until such time as respondent has divested all the Properties to be Divested as required by this order.

III

It is further ordered that:

A. If SCI has not divested, absolutely and in good faith and with the Commission's prior approval, the Properties to be Divested within twelve months of the date this order becomes final, the Commission may appoint a trustee to divest the Properties to be Divested. In the event that the Commission or the Attorney General brings an action pursuant to § 5(l) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.C. 45(l), or any other statute enforced by the Commission, SCI shall consent to the appointment of a trustee in such action. Neither the appointment of a trustee nor a decision not to appoint a trustee under this Paragraph shall preclude the Commission or the Attorney General from seeking civil penalties or any other relief available to it, including a court-appointed trustee, pursuant to § 5(l) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, or any other statute enforced by the Commission, for any failure by the respondent to comply with this order.

B. If a trustee is appointed by the Commission or a court pursuant to Paragraph III A of this order, respondent shall consent to the following terms and conditions regarding the trustee's powers, duties, authority, and responsibilities:

1. The Commission shall select the trustee, subject to the consent of respondent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. The trustee shall be a person with experience and expertise in acquisitions and divestitures. If respondent has not

opposed, in writing, including the reasons for opposing, the selection of any proposed trustee within ten (10) days after notice by the staff of the Commission to respondent and its counsel of the identity of any proposed trustee, respondent shall be deemed to have consented to the selection of the proposed trustee.

2. Subject to the prior approval of the Commission, the trustee shall have the exclusive power and authority to divest the Properties to be Divested.

3. Within ten (10) days after appointment of the trustee, respondent shall execute a trust agreement that, subject to the prior approval of the Commission and, in the case of a court-appointed trustee, of the court, transfers to the trustee all rights and powers necessary to permit the trustee to effect the divestiture required by this order.

4. The trustee shall have twelve (12) months from the date the Commission approves the trust agreement described in Paragraph III B.3 to accomplish the divestiture, which shall be subject to the prior approval of the Commission. If, however, at the end of the twelve-month period, the trustee has submitted a plan of divestiture or believes that divestiture can be achieved within a reasonable time, the divestiture period may be extended by the Commission, or, in the case of a court-appointed trustee, by the court; provided, however, the Commission may extend this period only two (2) times.

5. The trustee shall have full and complete access to the personnel, books, records and facilities related to the Properties to be Divested or to any other relevant information, as the trustee may request. Respondent shall develop such financial or other information as such trustee may request and shall cooperate with the trustee. Respondent shall take no action to interfere with or impede the trustee's accomplishment of the divestitures. Any delays in divestiture caused by respondent shall extend the time for divestiture under this Paragraph in an amount equal to the delay, as determined by the Commission or, for a court-appointed trustee, by the court.

6. The trustee shall use his or her best efforts to negotiate the most favorable price and terms available in each contract that is submitted to the Commission, subject to respondent's absolute and unconditional obligation to divest at no minimum price. The divestiture shall be made in the manner and to the acquirer or acquirers as set out in Paragraph II of this order; provided, however, if the trustee receives bona fide offers from more than one acquiring entity, and if the

Commission determines to approve more than one such acquiring entity, the trustee shall divest to the acquiring entity or entities selected by respondent from among those approved by the Commission.

7. The trustee shall serve, without bond or other security, at the cost and expense of respondent, on such reasonable and customary terms and conditions as the Commission or a court may set. The trustee shall have the authority to employ, at the cost and expense of respondent, such consultants, accountants, attorneys, investment bankers, business brokers, appraisers, and other representatives and assistants as are necessary to carry out the trustee's duties and responsibilities. The trustee shall account for all monies derived from the divestiture and all expenses incurred. After approval by the Commission and, in the case of a court-appointed trustee, by the court, of the account of the trustee, including fees for his or her services, all remaining monies shall be paid at the direction of the respondent, and the trustee's power shall be terminated. The trustee's compensation shall be based at least in significant part on a commission arrangement contingent on the trustee's divesting the Properties to be Divested.

8. Respondent shall indemnify the trustee and hold the trustee harmless against any losses, claims, damages, liabilities, or expenses arising out of, or in connection with, the performance of the trustee's duties, including all reasonable fees of counsel and other expenses incurred in connection with the preparation for, or defense of any claim, whether or not resulting in any liability, except to the extent that such liabilities, losses, damages, claims, or expenses result from misfeasance, gross negligence, willful or wanton acts, or bad faith by the trustee.

9. If the trustee ceases to act or fails to act diligently, a substitute trustee shall be appointed in the same manner as provided in Paragraph III A of this order.

10. The Commission or, in the case of a court-appointed trustee, the court may on its own initiative or at the request of the trustee issue such additional orders or directions as may be necessary or appropriate to accomplish the divestiture required by this order.

11. The trustee shall have no obligation or authority to operate or maintain the Properties to be Divested.

12. The trustee shall report in writing to respondent and the Commission every sixty (60) days concerning the trustee's efforts to accomplish divestiture.

IV

It is further ordered that, for a period of ten (10) years from the date this order becomes final, respondent shall not, without the prior approval of the Commission, directly or indirectly, through subsidiaries, partnerships, or otherwise:

A. Acquire any stock, share capital, equity, or other interest in any concern, corporate or non-corporate, engaged in at the time of such acquisition, or within the two years preceding such acquisition, the sale of funerals or cemetery services in Jackson County, Oregon; or

B. Acquire any assets used for or used in the previous two years for (and still suitable for use for) the sale of funerals or cemetery services in Jackson County, Oregon.

Provided, however, that this Paragraph IV shall not apply to new facilities constructed or developed by respondent.

V

It is further ordered that:

A. Within sixty (60) days after the date this order becomes final and every sixty (60) days thereafter until respondent has fully complied with the provisions of Paragraphs II and III of this order, respondent shall submit to the Commission a verified written report setting forth in detail the manner and form in which it intends to comply, is complying, and has complied with Paragraphs II and III of this order. Respondent shall include in its compliance reports, among other things that are required from time to time, a full description of the efforts being made to comply with Paragraphs II and III of the order, including a description of all substantive contacts or negotiations for the divestiture and the identity of all parties contacted. Respondent shall include in its compliance reports copies of all written communications to and from such parties, all internal memoranda, and all reports and recommendations concerning divestiture as required by this order.

B. One year (1) from the date this order becomes final, annually for the next nine (9) years on the anniversary of the date this order becomes final, and at other times as the Commission may require, respondent shall file a verified written report with the Commission setting forth in detail the manner and form in which it has complied and is complying with Paragraph IV of this order.

It is further ordered that respondent shall notify the Commission at least

thirty (30) days prior to any proposed change in the corporate respondent such as dissolution, assignment, sale resulting in the emergence of a successor corporation, or the creation or dissolution of subsidiaries or any other change in the corporation that may affect compliance obligations arising out of the order.

VII

It is further ordered that, for the purpose of determining or securing compliance with this order, subject to any legally recognized privilege, and upon written request with reasonable notice to respondent made to their principal offices, respondent shall permit any duly authorized representative or representatives of the Commission:

A. Access, during office hours of respondent and in the presence of counsel, to inspect and copy all books, ledgers, accounts, correspondence, memoranda and other records and documents in the possession or under the control of respondent relating to any matters contained in this order; and

B. Upon five (5) days' notice to respondent and without restraint or interference therefrom, to interview officers or employees of respondent, who may have counsel present, regarding such matters.

Appendix I—Agreement To Hold Separate

In the matter of Service Corporation International, a corporation. File No. 951-0012.

This Agreement to Hold Separate ("Agreement") is by and between Service Corporation International ("SCI"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas, with its principal executive offices located at 1929 Allen Parkway, Houston, Texas, and the Federal Trade Commission ("Commission"), an independent agency of the United States Government, established under the Federal Trade Commission Act of 1914, 15 U.S.C. § 41, et. seq. (collectively, "Parties").

Premises

Whereas, on or about October 5, 1994, SCI entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger with Uniservice Corporation ("Uniservice"), in which (1) UC Acquisition Corp., a wholly-owned subsidiary of SCI, would be merged into Uniservice, and (2) Uniservice shareholders would receive cash "Acquisition"; and

Whereas, both SCI and Uniservice own interests in funeral establishments that provide funerals, cemeteries that

provide cemetery services and crematories that provide cremations to consumers; and

Whereas, the Commission is now investigating the Acquisition to determine if the Acquisition would violate any of the statutes enforced by the Commission; and

Whereas, if the Commission accepts the Agreement Containing Consent Order ("SCI/Uniservice Consent Agreement"), the Commission must place the SCI/Uniservice Consent Agreement on the public record for public comment for a period of at least sixty (60) days and may subsequently withdraw such acceptance pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.34 of the Commission's Rules; and

Whereas, the Commission is concerned that if an understanding is not reached preserving the status quo ante and holding separate the assets and businesses of certain Uniservice funeral establishments, a cemetery and a crematory ("Hold Separate Assets") listed in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof until the divestitures contemplated by the SCI/Uniservice Consent Agreement have been made, divestitures resulting from any proceeding challenging the legality of the Acquisition might not be possible or might be less than an effective remedy; and

Whereas, the purposes of this Agreement are to: (1) preserve the Hold Separate Assets as viable independent businesses pending the divestitures described in the SCI/Uniservice Consent Agreement; (2) preserve the Commission's ability to require the divestitures of the funeral establishments, a cemetery and a crematory as specified in the SCI/Uniservice Consent Agreement; and (3) remedy any anticompetitive aspects of the Acquisition; and

Whereas, SCI's entering into this Agreement shall in no way be construed as an admission by SCI that the Acquisition is illegal; and

Whereas, SCI understands that no act or transaction contemplated by this Agreement shall be deemed immune or exempt from the provisions of the antitrust laws or the Federal Trade Commission Act by reason of anything contained in this Agreement.

Now, therefore, the Parties agree, upon understanding that the Commission has not yet determined whether the Acquisition will be challenged, and in consideration of the Commission's agreement that at the time it accepts for public comment that proposed order in the SCI/Uniservice Consent Agreement it will grant early termination of the Hart-Scott-Rodino

waiting period, and unless the Commission determines to reject the SCI/Uniservice Consent Agreement, it will not seek further relief from SCI with respect to the Acquisition, except that the Commission may exercise any and all rights to enforce this Agreement, the SCI/Uniservice Consent Agreement to which it is annexed and made a part, and the order, once it becomes final, and in the event that the required divestitures are not accomplished, to appoint a trustee to seek divestiture of the Hold Separate Assets pursuant to the SCI/Uniservice Consent Agreement, as follows:

1. SCI agrees to execute and be bound by the SCI/Uniservice Consent Agreement.

2. SCI shall hold the Hold Separate Assets separate and apart from the date this Agreement is accepted until the first to occur of (a) ten business days after the Commission withdraws its acceptance of the SCI/Uniservice Consent Agreement pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.34 of the Commission's Rules or (b) the date the divestitures required by the order contained in the SCI/Uniservice Consent Agreement are accomplished. SCI's obligation to hold the Hold Separate Assets separate and apart shall be on the following terms and conditions:

a. SCI shall hold separate and apart the Hold Separate Assets.

b. Except as provided herein and as is necessary to assure compliance with this Agreement and the Consent Order, SCI shall not exercise direction or control over, or influence directly or indirectly, the Hold Separate Assets or any of their operations or businesses.

c. SCI shall cause the Hold Separate Assets to continue using their present names and trade names, and shall maintain and preserve the viability and marketability of each of the Hold Separate Assets and shall not sell, transfer, encumber (other than in the normal course of business), or otherwise impair their marketability or viability. During the term of this Agreement, SCI shall provide the Hold Separate Assets with the same or better quality of support services, including without limitation, payroll processing, accounting, management information systems, and computer support, as Uniservice provided to the Hold Separate Assets prior to the acquisition.

d. SCI shall refrain from taking any actions that may cause any material adverse change in the business or financial conditions of the Hold Separate Assets.

e. SCI shall not change the composition of the management of the

Hold Separate Assets, except that SCI may fill vacancies and remove management for cause.

f. SCI shall maintain separate financial and operating records and shall prepare separate quarterly and annual financial statements for the Hold Separate Assets and shall provide the Commission with such statements for each funeral establishment, cemetery and crematory within ten days of their availability.

g. Except as required by law, and except to the extent that necessary information is exchanged in the course of evaluating the Acquisition, defending investigations or litigation, or negotiating agreements to dispose of assets, SCI shall not receive or have access to, or the use of, any of the Hold Separate Assets' material confidential information not in the public domain, except as such information would be available to SCI in the normal course of business if the Acquisition had not taken place. Any such information that is obtained pursuant to this subparagraph shall only be used for the purpose set out in this subparagraph. ("Material confidential information," as used herein, means competitively sensitive or proprietary information not independently known to SCI from sources other than Uniservice, and includes but is not limited to pre-need customer lists, prices quoted by suppliers, or trade secrets.)

h. All earnings and profits of the Hold Separate Assets shall be held separate. If necessary, SCI shall provide any or all of the Hold Separate Assets with sufficient working capital to operate at their current levels.

i. SCI shall refrain from, directly or indirectly, encumbering, selling, disposing of, or causing to be transferred any assets, property, or business of the Hold Separate Assets, except that the Hold Separate Assets may advertise, purchase merchandise and sell or otherwise dispose of merchandise in the ordinary course of business.

3. Should the Federal Trade Commission seek in any proceeding to compel SCI to divest itself of the shares of Uniservice stock that SCI may acquire, or to compel SCI to divest any assets or businesses of Uniservice that it may hold, or seek any other injunctive or equitable relief, SCI shall not raise any objection based upon the early termination of the applicable Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act waiting period or the fact that the Commission has permitted the Acquisition. SCI also waives all rights to contest the validity of this Agreement.

4. For the purpose of determining or securing compliance with this

agreement, subject to any legally recognized privilege, and upon written request with reasonable notice to respondent made to their principal offices, respondent shall permit any duly authorized representative or representatives of the Commission:

a. Access, during office hours of respondent and in the presence of counsel, to inspect and copy all books, ledgers, accounts, correspondence, memoranda and other records and documents in the possession or under the control of respondent relating to any matters contained in this order; and

b. Upon five (5) days' notice to respondent and without restraint or interference therefrom, to interview officers or employees of respondent, who may have counsel present, regarding such matters.

This agreement shall not be binding until approved by the Commission.

Exhibit A

Hold Separate Assets

1. Perl Funeral Home, 426 W. 6th Street, Medford, OR 97501-2713
2. Perl With Siskiyou Funeral Service, 2100 Siskiyou Boulevard, Medford, OR 97504-8048
3. Siskiyou Memorial Park (cemetery), 2100 Siskiyou Boulevard, Medford, OR 97504-8048
4. Siskiyou Memorial Park (crematory), 2100 Siskiyou Boulevard, Medford, OR 97504-8048

Analysis of Proposed Consent Order To Aid Public Comment

The Federal Trade Commission ("Commission") has provisionally accepted an agreement containing a proposed consent order with Service Corporation International ("SCI"), and has placed the proposed consent on the public record for sixty (60) days. Anyone interested in the proposed order may comment on it during this time. After sixty (60) days, the Commission will again review the agreement and any comments received, and will decide whether it should withdraw from the agreement or make final the agreement's proposed consent order.

The proposed consent order stems from SCI's proposed acquisition of certain assets and businesses of Uniservice Corporation ("Uniservice"). According to the proposed complaint, this acquisition, if consummated, would violate Section 7 of the Clayton Act, as amended 15 U.S.C. 18, and Section 5 of the FTC Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. 45,

in the markets for funerals and perpetual care cemetery services in Medford, Oregon, and its immediate environs.

The proposed consent order would remedy this alleged violation by requiring that SCI either divest the Uniservice assets and businesses in this region within one (1) year (Order Paragraph II.A) or transfer responsibility for divestiture to a trustee appointed by the Commission (Order Paragraph III). Uniservice's crematory and trade names are among these assets and businesses because they may be important to a buyer's competitive viability in the markets for funerals or perpetual care cemetery services, but SCI's obligations with regard to them would cease if the buyer does not wish to purchase them. However divestiture is accomplished, SCI could sell only to an acquirer or acquirers approved in advance by the Commission (Order Paragraphs II.B and III.B.2).

Pending divestiture, the proposed order would preserve the status quo in two respects. First, to preserve the properties to be divested, SCI must maintain the viability and marketability of the properties and protect them from harm (Order Paragraph II.C). Second, to preserve competition between SCI and the properties to be divested, SCI must hold the properties separate from SCI's operations (Order Paragraph II.D).

In the remainder of the order, SCI agrees for ten (10) years to obtain prior approval from the Commission before acquiring any interest in funeral establishments or cemeteries in Jackson County, Oregon (Order Paragraph IV), report to the Commission concerning its efforts to divest and comply with the prior approval requirement (Order Paragraph V), notify the Commission of any changes in SCI that might affect its compliance with the order (Order Paragraph VI), and permit Commission representatives to review documents and interview employees to ensure compliance with the order (Order Paragraph VII).

The purpose of this analysis is to assist public comment on the proposed order. It is not an official interpretation of the order or the accompanying settlement and is not intended to modify their terms.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Advisory Committees; Tentative Schedule of Meetings for 1995

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing a tentative schedule of forthcoming meetings of its public advisory committees for 1995. At the request of the Commissioner of Food and Drugs (the Commissioner), the Institute of Medicine (the IOM) conducted a study of the use of FDA's advisory committees. The IOM recommended that the agency publish an annual tentative schedule of its meetings in the **Federal Register**. In response to that recommendation, FDA is publishing its annual tentative schedule of meetings.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IOM, at the request of the Commissioner, undertook a study of the use of FDA's advisory committees. In its final report, the IOM recommended that FDA adopt a policy of publishing an advance yearly schedule of its upcoming public advisory committee meetings in the **Federal Register**. FDA has implemented this recommendation. A tentative schedule of forthcoming meetings will be published annually in the **Federal Register**. The annual publication of tentatively scheduled advisory committee meetings will provide both advisory committee members and the public with the opportunity, in advance, to schedule attendance at FDA's upcoming advisory committee meetings. The schedule is tentative and amendments to this notice will not be published in the **Federal Register**. FDA will, however, publish a **Federal Register** notice 15 days in advance of each upcoming advisory committee meeting, announcing the meeting (21 CFR 14.20).

The following list announces FDA's tentatively scheduled advisory committee meetings for 1995: