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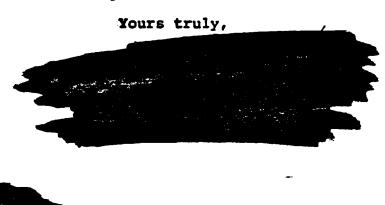
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Dear Mr. Sipple:

This letter confirms our July 12, 1988 telephone conference

letter) because the partnership which is presently ultimate parent entity will cease to be such at the time when stock is exchanged in part for certain assets of the seller, the partnership will never be deemed to "hold" the assets to be acquired and will not be the "acquiring person." Accordingly, we need not look beyond to determine if the "size of person" test is met on the buyer's side of the transaction. Because the size of that a \$10 million person, the

an opinion that the planned transaction is not reportable under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act, and the parties will not file a premerger notification report with respect to it. If I have misunderstood or misdescribed the conversation in any way, please advise me of this as soon as possible.



cc: Victor Coher