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Re: Joint request to FTC for Informal HSR Interpretation

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for your prompt telephone response to my fax of

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the two newly created corporations, the holding corporation and the acquisition corporation, to prepare pro forma balance sheets and to create a pro forma consolidated balance sheet reflecting the total assets of those two corporations and the LP. In doing so, however, the acquisition corporation may exclude cash to be used in purchasing the assets and in paying expenses incidental to that purchase. So long as this process does not result in the consolidated balance sheet's reflecting assets of \$10 million or more, no filing is required.

If I have misunderstood or misstated your advice, I would greatly appreciate your letting me know immediately. Thank you very much.

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4/1/96 - Called letter writer and advised that procedure set forth in this letter was correct under 801.11 to determine size of acquiring person. As set forth in ABA Letter # 169, acquiring person can exclude inquiries to be used for acquisition under 801.11 (e) in the process of doing the consolidation required by 801.11 (b)(1). (The preceding also applies to the attached memo as the signature set forth in the letter.)