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Subject: Confirmation of Non-Reportable Transaction

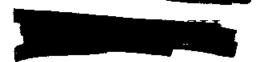
Dear Mr. Vern:

("FTC") is that this transaction is non-reportable under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Autitrust Improvements Act of 1976 (the "Act").

Since our telephone conversation, I have learned that the Transaction has been modified in form for tax purposes.

1. The acquired person is subject to a voluntary reorganization and the Transaction will be part of a plan of reorganization approved by a federal bankruptcy court.

interests or secured by the Loans. The acquired person's beneficial interests in the Trusts



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represent the residual rights to receive the cash flow from the Trusts after the payments required under the Senior Securities have been made and the Trusts' expenses have been paid.

- 3. Less than \$15 million worth of the assets of the acquired person consists of assets other than mortgage servicing rights and its beneficial interests in the Trusts described above.
- 4. The acquiring person will organize two controlled subsidiaries: Company A and Company B.
- 5. Company A will purchase certain assets of the acquired person and the acquired person will transfer certain other assets (not wanted by Company B) to a newly formed trust organized for the benefit of the acquired person's creditors. Following these transfers, Company B will purchase 100 percent of the stock of the acquired person.

Please confirm the FTC's informal position that the Transaction is non-reportable under the Act by signing this letter where indicated below and faxing a copy of the letter to me.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please call me at you have any questions or need any further information.

Very truly yours,

Federal Trade Commission

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