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Corporate Counsel

August 9, 2002

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Mr. Jonathan G. Katz
Secretary
Securities and Exchange Commission
450 Fifth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20549-0609

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Re: Sworn Statements Pursuant to Section 21(a)(1)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Dear Mr. Katz:

Pursuant to the Commission's Order Requiring the Filing of Sworn Statements Pursuant to Section 21(a)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, enclosed are sworn statements of Robert W. Decherd and Dunia A. Shive, the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, respectively, of Belo Corp..

We would appreciate your stamping the enclosed acknowledgement copy of this letter with the date and time of filing and returning it to the undersigned in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Should you have any questions regarding the enclosed sworn statements, please feel free to call me at (214) 977-2027 or, in my absence, Guy Kerr at (214) 977-6692.

Yours very truly,



Ann Marie Cowdrey

cc: Robert W. Decherd
Dunia A. Shive
Guy Kerr
Janice Bryant
Kay Stockler

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Statement Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings

I, Robert W. Decherd, Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of Belo Corp. (the "Company"), state and attest that:

(1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of the Company, and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:

- no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
- no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).

(2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's audit committee.

(3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":

- the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001;
- all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of the Company filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
- any amendments to any of the foregoing.

Signature

Robert W. Decherd
 Robert W. Decherd
 Chairman of the Board,
 President and Chief Executive Officer
 (Principal Executive Officer)

August 9, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to
before me this 9th day of August,
2002.

Ulrike J. Conway
 Notary Public
 My Commission Expires:

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