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Secretary, Jonathan G. Katz
Securities and Exchange Commission
450 Fifth Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20549

Re: File No. 4-460
Order requiring the filing of sworn statements pursuant to Section 21(a)(1) of the
Securities and Exchange Act of 1934

Pursuant to the above order, attached are the required statements under oath from
Kenneth W. Lowe, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Joseph G. NeCastro,
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of The E. W. Scripps Company.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

M. DENISE KUPRIONIS

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Enclosures

c w/encl: Timothy E. Stautberg
Vice President/Communications and Investor Relations
The E. W. Scripps Company

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OMB Number: 3235-0569
Expires: January 31, 2003

**Exhibit A
(Corrected)**

STATEMENT UNDER OATH OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER REGARDING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO EXCHANGE ACT FILINGS

I, Joseph G. NeCastro, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, state and attest that:

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

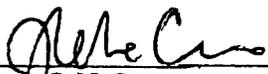
- no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
- no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make 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":

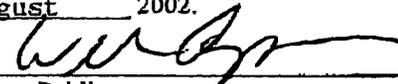
- 2001 Annual Report on Form 10-K of The E. W. Scripps Company;
- all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of The E. W. Scripps Company filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
- any amendments to any of the foregoing.

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Joseph G. NeCastro
August 12, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to
before me this 12 day of
August 2002.

/s/ 

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

WILLIAM APPLETON, Attorney
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF OHIO
My commission has no expiration date.
Section 147.03 R.C.