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BY HAND AND BY FAX (202-824-5090/202-824-5091)

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

Dear Mr. Katz:

Please find enclosed an original signed Statement Under Oath from each of the principal executive officer and the principal financial officer of The New York Times Company, as required by the order promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 27, 2002.

Sincerely,

Rhonda L. Brauer

Enclosures

cc: Russell T. Lewis  
 Leonard P. Forman  
 Solomon B. Watson IV

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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, Russell T. Lewis, state and attest that:

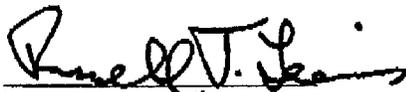
(1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of The New York Times Company, and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:

- 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.

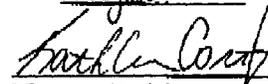
(3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":

- Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Commission of The New York Times Company for the fiscal year ended December 30, 2001;
- all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of The New York Times Company filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
- any amendments to any of the foregoing.

  
Russell T. Lewis  
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Subscribed and sworn to  
before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of  
August 2002.

  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: 12/21/05  
KATHLEEN COREY,  
Notary Public, State of New York  
No. 30-4916026  
Qualified in New York County  
Commission Expires Dec. 21, 2005