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

Re: Commission Order No. 4-460 pursuant to Section 21(a)(i)

Dear Mr. Katz:

Transmitted herewith are written statements under oath of David H. Murdock, Dole Food Company, Inc.'s Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and Richard J. Dahl, Dole Food Company, Inc.'s Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, both in the form of Exhibit A to the above-captioned Order and each declaring that the contents of the statement have been reviewed with the Audit Committee of Dole Food Company, Inc.'s Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Carter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

C. Michael Carter

