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September 23, 2002

VIA FACSIMILE (202-942-9651)  
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Mr. Jonathan G. Katz  
Secretary  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
450 Fifth Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Re: Applied Industrial Technologies, Inc.  
Order No. 4-460 Requiring the Filing of Sworn Statements

Dear Mr. Katz:

Pursuant to the above-referenced order, we submit on behalf of David L. Pugh and John R. Whitten, the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, respectively, of Applied Industrial Technologies, Inc., the Statements Under Oath Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings.

Please file-stamp the enclosed hard copy of this correspondence and return it to me in the self-addressed stamped return envelope provided.

Cordially,

APPLIED INDUSTRIAL  
TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

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

I, David L. Pugh, state and attest that:

(1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Applied Industrial Technologies, Inc., 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":

- 2002 Annual Report on Form 10-K of Applied Industrial Technologies, Inc.;
- all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Applied Industrial Technologies, Inc. filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
- any amendments to any of the foregoing.

David L. Pugh  
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Date: September 23, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
23rd day of September, 2002.

Fred D. Bauer  
Notary Public

FRED D. BAUER, Attorney at Law  
Notary Public - State of Ohio  
My commission has no expiration date  
Section 147.03 R.C.

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