



DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-4631

VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

June 15, 2009

Laurence A. Tosi
Chief Financial Officer
The Blackstone Group L.P.
345 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10154

**RE: The Blackstone Group L.P.
Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008
Form 10-Q for Fiscal Quarter Ended March 31, 2009
File No. 1-33551**

Dear Mr. Tosi:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and related filings and have no further comments at this time.

If you have any further questions regarding our review of your filings, please direct them to Ernest Greene, Staff Accountant, at (202) 551-3733, or in his absence, Lisa Haynes, Staff Accountant, at (202) 551-3424.

Sincerely,

Rufus Decker
Accounting Branch Chief