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

Mail Stop 4631

May 10, 2010

Via U.S. mail and facsimile

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

**RE: Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009
File No. 001-33551**

Dear Mr. Tosi:

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

If you have any questions regarding our review of your filing, you may contact Lisa Haynes, Staff Accountant, at (202) 551-3424 or, in her absence, the undersigned at (202) 551-3689.

Sincerely,

John Hartz
Senior Assistant Chief Accountant