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Mail Stop 4720

November 5, 2009

Anthony S. Piszal
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
The First American Corporation
1 First American Way
Santa Ana, CA 92707-5913

Re: The First American Corporation
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008
Form 10-Q for the Quarterly Period Ended March 31, 2009
File Number: 001-13585

Dear Mr. Piszal:

We have completed our review of the above filings and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Joel N. Parker
Accounting Branch Chief