



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

DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

October 4, 2010

Mr. Richard A. Schweinhart
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Ventas, Inc.
111 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 4800
Chicago, IL 60606

Re: Ventas, Inc.
Form 10-K for the Year Ended December 31, 2009
Forms 10-Q for the Periods Ended March 31 and June 30, 2010
Form 8-K Filed April 28, 2010
Form 8-K filed July 29, 2010
File No. 1-10989

Dear Mr. Schweinhart:

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

Sincerely,

Daniel L. Gordon
Branch Chief