

**Exhibit 99a**



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United States  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Dear Sirs:

We have received representations from Arthur Andersen LLP that their audits of the NTS Properties VII, Ltd. and Blankenbaker Business Center Joint Venture's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2001, were subject to the quality control system for the U.S. accounting and auditing practice to provide reasonable assurance that the engagements were conducted in compliance with professional standards, that there was appropriate continuity of Arthur Andersen personnel working on the audits and availability of national office consultation. Availability of personnel at foreign affiliates of Arthur Andersen is not relevant to these audits.

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