



ALBERTO-CULVER COMPANY

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Jonathan G. Katz  
Secretary  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
450 Fifth Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20549

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**Re: Alberto-Culver Company  
Sworn Statements Pursuant to Section 21(a)(1)  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Dear Mr. Katz:

Please find enclosed, pursuant to the Commission's Order Requiring the Filing of Sworn Statements Pursuant to Section 21(a)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the sworn statements of Howard B. Bernick and William J. Cernugel, the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, respectively of Alberto-Culver Company.

Should you have any questions regarding the enclosed sworn statements, please feel free to call me at (708) 450-3262.

Very truly yours,  
Alberto-Culver Company

Gary P. Schmidt  
Vice President and General Counsel

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CC: H. B. Bernick  
W. J. Cernugel

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**Statement Under Oath of Principal Financial Officer Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings**

I, William J. Cernugel, state and attest that:

(1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Alberto-Culver Company, and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:

- no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
- no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).

(2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's audit committee.

(3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":

- Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2001 of Alberto-Culver Company;
- all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Alberto-Culver Company filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
- any amendments to any of the foregoing.

*W.J. Cernugel*

Senior Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer  
August 8, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to  
before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of  
August, 2002.

*Donna M. Marren*

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