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Mr. Jonathan G. Katz
Secretary
Securities and Exchange Commission
450 Fifth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20549

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Re: Commission Order No. 4-460.

Dear Mr. Katz:

Enclosed, pursuant to the order referred to above, are the sworn statements of James D. Shelton, the principal executive officer of Triad Hospitals, Inc., and of Burke W. Whitman, the chief financial officer of Triad Hospitals, Inc.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of these statements by receipt-stamping the enclosed acknowledgment copy of this letter and by returning such copy in the enclosed post-paid envelope.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should have questions or comments.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald P. Fay", written in a cursive style.

Donald P. Fay
Executive Vice President
General Counsel

Enclosures

cc (w/ enc.): James D. Shelton
Burke W. Whitman

STATEMENT UNDER OATH
OF
PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER
OF
TRIAD HOSPITALS, INC.
REGARDING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES
RELATING TO EXCHANGE ACT FILINGS

I, JAMES D. SHELTON, state and attest that:

1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of TRIAD HOSPITALS, INC., 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":

- 2001 Annual Report on Form 10-K of TRIAD HOSPITALS, INC., filed with the Commission on March 29, 2002;
- all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of TRIAD HOSPITALS, INC., filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
- any amendments to any of the foregoing.

Date: August 12th, 2002.

James D. Shelton
James D. Shelton

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 12th day of August, 2002.

Cindy J. Jarrell
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

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