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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: Northern Trust Corporation – Statements Under Oath of Principal Executive  
and Principal Financial Officer**

Dear Secretary Katz:

Enclosed on behalf of the Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer of Northern Trust Corporation pursuant to Order No. 4-460 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (June 27, 2002), please find one (1) original and one (1) copy of each of the following documents:

1. Statement Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings; and
2. Statement Under Oath of Principal Financial Officer Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings.

Please file stamp the enclosed copy of this letter and the enclosed copy of each Statement and return them in the self-addressed stamped envelope to confirm your receipt of these filings.

Sincerely,

Perry R. Pero  
Vice Chairman and Chief Financial Officer

Enclosures

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

I, William A. Osborn, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Northern Trust Corporation, state and attest that:

(1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Northern Trust Corporation, 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 Northern Trust Corporation'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 year ended December 31, 2001 of the Northern Trust Corporation;
- all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Northern Trust Corporation filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
- any amendments to any of the foregoing.

*William A. Osborn*

William A. Osborn  
August 13, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to  
before me this 13th day of  
August, 2002.

*Eileen C. Ratzka*

My Commission Expires:

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