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**The First American Corporation**

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Vice President, Secretary  
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August 12, 2002

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Jonathan G. Katz  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
450 Fifth Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20549  
(202) 942-7070

**Re: Certifications required by SEC Order No. 4-460 dated June 27, 2002**

Dear Mr. Katz:

Pursuant to the above-referenced order, enclosed for filing with the Commission are the individual certifications of our principal executive officer and principal financial officer.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions concerning the enclosed certificates.

Mark R Arnesen  
Vice President, Secretary  
and Corporate Counsel

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**STATEMENT UNDER OATH OF PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER REGARDING  
FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO EXCHANGE ACT FILINGS**

I, Thomas A. Klemens, state and attest that:

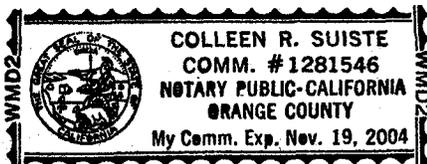
- (1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of The First American Corporation, and except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:
  - no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (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 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 year ended December 31, 2001, of The First American Corporation, 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 The First American Corporation filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
  - any amendments to any of the foregoing.

  
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 Thomas A. Klemens  
 Senior Executive Vice President,  
 Chief Financial Officer  
 (Principal Financial Officer)  
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Subscribed and sworn to  
 before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of  
 August 2002.

/s/ Colleen R. Suiste  
 Notary Public



My Commission Expires:

November 19, 2002