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

Dear Mr. Katz:

Enclosed are the written statements, under oath, of Jeffrey C. Barbakow, Chief Executive Officer of Tenet Healthcare Corporation, and David L. Dennis, Chief Financial Officer of Tenet Healthcare Corporation, in response to the June 27, 2002 order of the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 21(a)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (SEC File No. 4-460).

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and the attached statements by stamping and returning the enclosed copy of this letter in the self-addressed stamped envelope.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosures, please call the undersigned at (805) 563-7071.

Very truly yours,

Richard B. Silver

Enclosures

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

I, David L. Dennis, state and attest that:

- (1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Tenet Healthcare 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 fiscal year ended May 31, 2002 of Tenet Healthcare Corporation;
 - all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Tenet Healthcare Corporation filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
 - any amendments to any of the foregoing.

David L. Dennis
 David L. Dennis
 Vice Chairman, Chief Corporate Officer
 And Chief Financial Officer in the
 Office of the President
 August 14, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of August, 2002.

1st *Linda A. Perreault*
 Notary Public
 My Commission Expires: 9-23-04

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