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*FleetBoston Financial*

August 14, 2002

**VIA FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION  
AND AIRBORNE EXPRESS**

Joanathan G. Katz, Secretary  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
450 Fifth Street, N.W. Plaza  
Washington, D.C. 20549-0609

**Re: FleetBoston Financial Corporation – Sworn Written Statements of  
Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer**

Dear Mr. Katz:

Pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Commission's Order Requiring the Filing of Sworn Written Statements Pursuant to Section 21(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (File No. 4-460), I am enclosing the sworn written statements of Charles K. Gifford, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Eugene M. McQuade, Vice Chairman and Chief Financial Officer.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the described enclosures by stamping or countersigning the enclosed copy of this letter, and returning it to me in the self-addressed, stamped envelope enclosed for your convenience.

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Sincerely,

Paul A. Auerbach  
Group Senior Counsel

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

I, Charles K. Gifford, President and Chief Executive Officer of FleetBoston Financial Corporation, state and attest that:

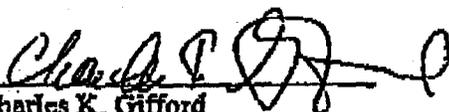
(1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of FleetBoston Financial Corporation, and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:

- 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).

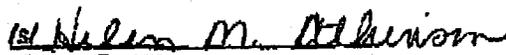
(2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of FleetBoston Financial Corporation.

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

- the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001, as filed with the Commission;
- all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of FleetBoston Financial Corporation filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
- any amendments to any of the foregoing.

  
 Charles K. Gifford  
 President and Chief Executive  
 Officer  
 August 14, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 2002.

  
 Notary Public

My Commission Expires March 6, 2009

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