Universal Corporation
Richmond, Virginia 23260

September 16, 2002

BY UPS

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

Dear Mr. Katz:

Pursuant to SEC Order 4-460, enclosed are the statements under oath of the principal executive officer and principal financial officer of Universal Corporation. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

George C. Freeman, III, Esquire
General Counsel and Secretary

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

I, Henry H. Harrell, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) of Universal Corporation (the “Company”), state and attest that:

(1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the Company’s covered reports, 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 filed 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”:

- The Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002;
- all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of the Company filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
- any amendments to any of the foregoing.

[Signature]
Henry H. Harrell
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

September 16, 2002

[Signature]
Joetta Davis
formerly Joetta J. Anthony
Notary Public
Commonwealth of Virginia
My Commission Expires: 6/31/03

Subscribed and sworn to before me before me this 16th day of September, 2002.

[Signature]
Notary Public
My commission expires 9-30-03.