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October 14, 2002

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

**RE: American Greetings Corporation  
Commission File Number 1-13859**

Dear Mr. Katz:

Pursuant to Commission Order No. 4-460, enclosed are statements of the Principal Executive Officer and the Principal Financial Officer of American Greetings Corporation.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Cipollone".

Joseph B. Cipollone  
Vice President & Corporate Controller

Enclosure

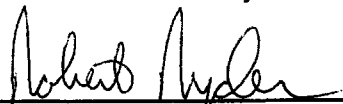
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Statement Under Oath of Principal Financial Officer Regarding Facts and Circumstances  
Relating to Exchange Act Filings

I, Robert P. Ryder, state and attest that:

1. To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of American Greetings 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 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 fiscal year ended February 28, 2002 of American Greetings Corporation;
  - all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of American Greetings 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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 Robert P. Ryder  
 October 14, 2002

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

  
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Notary Public, State of Ohio



KAREN A. SANTAGATA  
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