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Sear Madam & Sirs:

I retired in February of 2000. I turned my lump sum approximately \$317,000.00 over to Smith Barney in Valdosta, Georgia, Jimmy Shiver. Later, after losing over half of it (due to issues that will be handled by my attorneys at the appropriate time) I transferred the balance supposedly with no fees and commissions, to Merrill Lynch. Now with most of \$131,701.69 gone I need some information concerning NICOR.

Attached is a letter from Merrill Lynch stating that they did not purchase any NICOR securities for me, however, Smith Barney claims they did not purchase any of these securities and refuses to furnish me with a letter stating this.

My money has only been invested with Smith Barney and Merrill Lynch, one of them had to have purchased it, there is no other company that has had possession of my money. How may I find out whom and get the information that is required to recover some of my money?

Thank you for helping,

Marie W. Hayes
4514 Water Oak Trail
Lake Park, Georgia 31636

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cc: Hooper and Weiss Attorneys
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Marie W. Hayes
4514 Water Oak Trail
Lake Park GA 31636

Re: Account 687-33304

Dear Marie:

Per our conversation, Nicor Inc. was never purchased in the above referenced account.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

C. Warren Wallis
Wealth Management Advisor
Vice President - Investments
Resident Director

*How about the
other acct's -*

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