May 11, 2005

The Honorable James E. Brogdon One Riverwood Drive P.O. Box 2946101 Moncks Corner, SC 29461-6101

Dear Jim:

Please find attached correspondence directed on May 9, 2005 to legal counsel at First Boston/Credit Suisse requesting certain documents and information. This written request followed my verbal request of last week for the same information.

My request, while acknowledged, has gone unanswered. I would ask for your, the company's, and Mr. Munson's assistance in obtaining these documents from First Boston and an answer to my query as to the identity of First Boston's client.

I am trying to close the loop on this issue so that I might advise appointees of issues likely to be reviewed by the subcommittee. First Boston's delay is hindering my ability to offer such briefing.

Sincerely,

Michael N. Couick

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Enclosure

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