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Gary Cohen Letter to Lexis (K Hinrichs) re Treatment of Non-Public Informaiton

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February 24, 2010

Via Electronic Mail

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Phil Angelides
Chairman

Re: Treatment of Non-Public Information

Hon. Bill Thomas
Vice Chairman

Dear Ms. Hinrichs:

Brooksley Born
Commissioner

On behalf of the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission ("the Commission"), I write to thank you and LexisNexis for your offer of cooperation with the Commission's work concerning the Mortgage Asset Research Institute. The document request will follow shortly.

Byron S. Georgiou
Commissioner

I also write to memorialize our position with respect to the treatment of non-public information provided by LexisNexis to the Commission and its staff.

Senator Bob Graham
Commissioner

Any non-public information that is obtained from the LexisNexis will be shared only with employees and agents of the Commission who have a need to know the information in the performance of their official work duties consistent with applicable law. All employees and agents of the Commission with whom non-public information is shared will be advised of and, as condition of receiving non-public information, be bound to comply with the understanding in this letter.

Keith Hennessey
Commissioner

Douglas Holtz-Eakin
Commissioner

In accordance with its statutory mandate and its duty to the American public, the Commission, if it determines it is in the public interest, may release to the public non-public information obtained from LexisNexis as part of any interim or final report to the President and Congress, or in any public hearings, if the Commission determines to do so by a majority vote, or by the decision of the Chairman and Vice Chairman acting together on behalf of the Commission.

Heather H. Murren, CFA
Commissioner

Prior to any release of non-public information under the above paragraph, the Commission will give prior written notice to LexisNexis, and allow LexisNexis to consult with the Commission before the Commission uses any of the LexisNexis' non-public information in any interim or final report to the President and Congress, or in any public.

John W. Thompson
Commissioner

Peter J. Wallison
Commissioner

Nothing as described in this letter will prevent the Commission or its staff from complying with a request or demand from a duly authorized Committee of the United States Congress with authority to require and receive the non-public information, or a legally valid and enforceable subpoena or order by a court of competent jurisdiction for the non-public information or testimony related thereto.

Thomas Greene
Executive Director

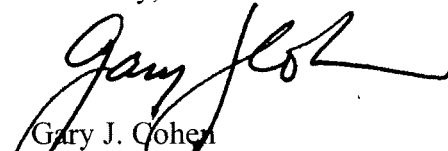
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Finally, as we discussed, all information obtained from LexisNexis or relating to LexisNexis will be transmitted to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) following the completion of the Commission's work. To the extent permitted by law, the Commission will request that NARA not release to the public the non-public information for an appropriate length of time, likely five years or more. If you have a legal basis to believe that the Commission is not required by law to provide certain LexisNexis information to NARA, please let us know.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-292-1339 or GCohen@fcic.gov, or Chris Seefer at 202-292-1345 or CSeefer@fcic.gov.

Thank you very much for LexisNexis' continued cooperation.

Sincerely,



Gary J. Cohen
General Counsel

cc: Tom Greene
Chris Seefer
George Wahl