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Via Fax to (202) 619-8365

Ms. Pat Morgan
Director, Office of the Executive Secretariat
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 Seventh Street, SW, Room 10139
Washington, D.C. 20410-0500

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request
Nicolas Retsinas' Disclosures to HUD Internal Authorities

Dear Ms. Morgan:

The March 9, 1998 edition of *National Mortgage News* reported that Nic Retsinas told the paper "... when he first discovered a \$3.8 million error made by [Hamilton] he immediately demanded a written report by Hamilton and a due diligence review." The paper also reported that "Mr. Retsinas stressed that he disclosed the findings of the report to internal authorities at the agency."

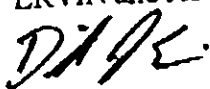
Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, please provide us with the following:

- ▶ A copy of the written report prepared by Hamilton referenced by Mr. Retsinas.
- ▶ A copy of all documents relating to the due diligence review referenced by Mr. Retsinas.
- ▶ All documents relating to Mr. Retsinas' disclosure of the findings of the report to internal authorities at the agency and the identity of the "internal authorities" Mr. Retsinas was referring to

This request is being made pursuant to HUD's February 27, 1998 Federal Register Notice encouraging Freedom of Information Act Requests relating to note sales. Therefore, if HUD is assigning any special priority to these requests, this request should receive expedited processing.

Ervin and Associates agrees to pay up to \$50 for the processing of this request. If the anticipated fees are to exceed \$50, please call me immediately at (301) 469-3422 so I may have an opportunity to reformulate the request or approve the additional fees without delaying the processing of the request.

Very truly yours,
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