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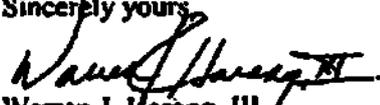
RE: Draft Advisor Opinion 2004-08: American Sugar Cane League

Dear Ms. Dove:

I have served on the Board of Directors of the American Sugar Cane League, Inc. since 1978, so I am familiar with the tenure of Charles Melancon. I recall that in 2001, when Charlie had considered leaving the League to pursue other opportunities, I participated in discussions with him and other members of the Board regarding a severance package, which consisted minimally of one year's compensation.

The current decision to award a severance package is simply a continuation of those earlier discussions and is in no way related to what he might do after he resigned his position.

Sincerely yours


Warren J. Harang, III
Past Chairman of the Board

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Charles J. Melancon