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On February 27, 1998, American International Group, Inc. submitted the following letter to the New York Department of Insurance:

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February 26, 1998

Mr. Marty Carus Assistant Deputy Superintendent and Chief Examiner Department of Insurance State of New York 25 Beaver Street New York, New York 10004

> Re: Application of American International Group, Inc. to Acquire Control of American Bankers Insurance Group, Inc.

Dear Mr. Carus:

I understand that counsel to Cendant has submitted to your Department a letter arguing that AIG has already acquired control of ABIG by virtue of contractual provisions of the merger and related agreements between AIG and ABIG which AIG filed with your Department in its original Form A filing of January 9, 1998.

This argument is obviously wrong as a matter of fact and law and is unworthy of your consideration. Cendant is simply attempting to confuse, delay and abuse the regulatory process and the public securities markets by drawing focus from the real issues--Cendant's unfitness to acquire an insurance company and the illegality of Cendant's holding and voting proxies as to 10% or more shares without prior approval.

AIG does not control ABIG. The cited contractual provisions of the merger agreement and related documents do not confer control as a matter of fact or law.

Provisions intended to facilitate the successful completion of a mutually negotiated merger agreement are customary in merger agreements, as Cendant is well aware. AIG has sought to obtain your Department's prior approval of its acquisition of control of ABIG pursuant to the merger agreement and related documents filed as part of AIG's Form A. In contrast, Cendant has failed to do so with respect to its proxy solicitation.

We appreciate the time and effort your Department is devoting to the unfortunate situation caused by Cendant's hostile offer. Unlike Cendant, AIG has not, and never will, ask your Department to devote your time and effort to considering false and misleading arguments.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Florence A. Davis Florence A. Davis

cc: Bonnie Steingart