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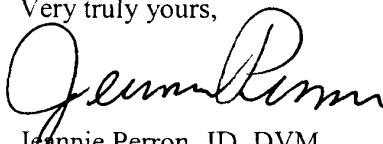
Re: Your Letter to Feld Entertainment, Inc. of July 23, 2001

Dear Dr. DeHaven:

I am memorializing our telephone call of July 27, 2001, regarding the above-referenced July 23, 2001 letter. In that letter, you referred to the closure of the "investigation" involving handling practices of two weaning elephants. As we discussed on the telephone, your use of the word "investigation" in connection with this matter was erroneous. You had previously referred to the matter as fact gathering, rather than an investigation, and you advised me that the use of the word "investigation" in the July 23 letter was inadvertent. In any event, you confirmed that the "closure" of this matter will not affect in any way your agreement to consider any additional submissions in connection therewith.

Your consideration is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,



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Dear Dr. Perron:

This letter is to confirm the accuracy of your letter of August 9, 2001, which summarizes the salient points of our July 27, 2001, telephone conversation regarding your client, Feld Entertainment, Inc.

The "investigation" of the two weaning elephants is more accurately characterized as a fact gathering process. Further, "closure" of this matter would not preclude a reconsideration of our position upon receipt of additional information relevant to the issues.

Sincerely,

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