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Person to Contact:

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Contact Telephone Number:

(301) 962-4769

Our Letter Dated:

September 12,196

September 12,1985
Caveat Applies:

This modifies our letter of the above date in which we stated that you would be treated as an organization that is not a private foundation until the expiration of your advance ruling period.

Based on the information you submitted, we have determined that you are not a private dation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code because you are an organization of the type described in section \* Your exempt status under Code section 501(c)(3) is still in effect.

Grantors and contributors may rely on this determination until the Internal Revenue

Service publishes notice to the contrary. However, if you lose your section

status, a grantor or contributor may not rely on this determination if

the or she was in part responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act that

resulted in your loss of such status, or acquired knowledge that the Internal Revenue

Service had given notice that you would be removed from classification as a section

organization.

If the heading of this letter indicates that a caveat applies, the caveat below or on the enclosure is an integral part of this letter.

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your private foundation status, please keep it in your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown above.

\* 507(&XI) and 170(6XI)(4)(bi)

Sincerely yours,

Ely A. Heren District Director Internal Revenue Service District Director

Date: September 12, 1985

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Employer Identification Number:

Accounting Period Ending: December 31 Foundation Status Classification: 509(a)(1) & 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)\* Ridvance Ruling Period Ends: December 31, 1986

Person to Contact: R.D. Morris Contact Telephone Number: (301) 962-2590

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Dear Applicant:

Based on information supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Because you are a newly created organization, we are not now making a final determination of your foundation status under section 509(a) of the Code. However, we have determined that you can reasonably be expected to be a publicly supported, organization described in section 509(a)(1) & 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Accordingly, you will be treated as a publicly supported organization, and not as a private foundation, during an advance ruling period. This advance ruling period begins on the date of your inception and ends on the date shown above.

Within 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period, you must submit to us information needed to determine whether you have met the requirements of the applicable support test during the advance ruling period. If you establish that you have been a publicly supported organization, you will be classified as a section 509(a)(l) or 509(a)(Z) organization as long as you continue to meet the requirements of the applicable support test. If you do not meet the public support requirements during the advance ruling period, you will be classified as a private foundation for future periods. Also, if you are classified as a private foundation, you will be treated as a private foundation from the date of your inception for purposes of sections 507(d) and 4940.

Grantors and donors may rely on the determination that you are not a private foundation until 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period. If you submit the required information within the 90 days, grantors and denors may continue to rely on the advance determination until the Service makes a final determination of your foundation status. However, if notice that you will no longer be treated as a organization is published in the Internal Revenue section Bulletin, grantors and donors may not rely on this determination after the date of such publication. Also, a granter or denor may not rely on this determination if he or she was in part responsible for, or was sware of, the set or failure to act that statum, or acquired knowledge resulted in your loss or section that the Internal Rovenue Service had given notice that you would be removed from classification as a section