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February 9, 1994

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REGISTERED MAIL; RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Secretary of Labor
Top Hat Plan Exemption
Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration
Room N-5644
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue N.W.
Washington D.C. 20210

RE: Alternative Method of Compliance under DOL Reg. Section 2520.104-23

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to comply with the "Alternative Method of Compliance" for reporting and disclosure (as set forth in DOL Reg. Section 2520.104-23) with respect to The Vons Companies, Inc. 401(K) Wrap-Around Plan established by The Vons Companies, Inc. ("Vons") and its subsidiaries.

In accordance with that Section, we provide you with the following:

1. Name and Address of Vons.

The Vons Companies, Inc.
618 Michillinda Avenue
Arcadia, California 91007

P.O. Box 3338
Los Angeles, Ca 90051

2. Employer Identification No.

38-1623900

3. Declaration.

Vons established, effective as of October 18, 1993, The Vons Companies, Inc. 401(K) Wrap-Around Plan (the "Plan"), which is maintained primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management and highly compensated employees of Vons and its subsidiaries. Currently, nine employees participate in the Plan. This is the third such plan maintained by Vons.

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4. Documents.

With respect to the Plan, Vons will provide to the Secretary of Labor, upon its request, copies of the Plan documents, if any, that are required by Section 104(a)(1) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to be filed with the Secretary of Labor.

Enclosed is a copy of this letter, which we ask that you date-stamp and return to us in the enclosed self-addressed and stamped envelope.

If you have any questions about his letter, please do not hesitate to contact us at the above address.

Sincerely,


Dick W. Gonzales
Vice President, Human Resources

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