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January 12, 2004

Secretary of Labor
Top-Hat Plan Exemption
Employee Benefits Security Administration
Room N-5644
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20210

Re: The Golden Apple Foundation Complete 457 Deferred Compensation Plan

Dear Secretary:

This letter will serve as notice that, with respect to The Golden Apple Foundation Complete 457 Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan"), the undersigned intends to utilize the alternative form of compliance with reporting and disclosure requirements of Part 1 of Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as provided for under 29 CFR 2520.104-23.

Pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-23(b), the following information is provided:

1. Sponsor Name: Golden Apple Foundation
2. Sponsor's Employer Identification Number: 36-3392992
3. The Sponsor hereby declares that it maintains the Plan primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or highly compensated employees.
4. The Sponsor hereby states that it maintains only this Plan primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or highly compensated employees, and that the number of participants in the Plan is currently 3 (three).

Pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-23(b)(2), the Employer will provide Plan documents, if any, to the Secretary of Labor upon request as required by Section 104(a)(1) of ERISA.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elaine M. Schuster". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Elaine M. Schuster, PhD
President and CEO
The Golden Apple Foundation



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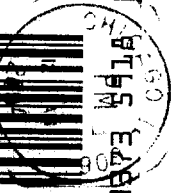
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