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

Re: Alternate Method of Compliance for Pension Plan  
for Certain Selected Employees

Dear Sir or Madam:

This statement is filed pursuant to Department of Labor Regulation Section 2520.104-23 in order to satisfy the reporting requirements thereof if the arrangement described below should be deemed to constitute an employee pension benefit plan under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended.

Rite Aid Corporation, P.O. Box 3165, Harrisburg, PA 17105, EIN: 23-1614034 has adopted two (2) new plans providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or highly compensated employees. Four (4) employees are covered by the Rite Aid Corporation Special Executive Retirement Plan. Thirty-Five (35) employees are covered by the Rite Aid Corporation Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan.

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Plan documents will be provided upon request.

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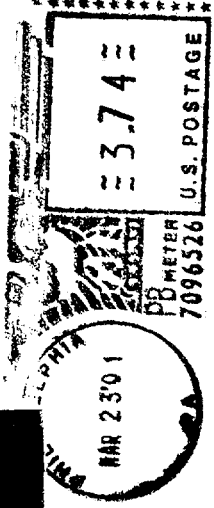
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