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October 11, 2002

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. 20010

Re: Top Hat Plan of The Art Institute of Chicago

Dear Sir:

The following information is provided on behalf of The Art Institute of Chicago (the "Company"), in accordance with Department of Labor Regulation § 2520.104-23 for the purpose of complying with the reporting and disclosure requirements of Part 1 of Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended. As of the date of this letter, the Company maintains the following plan or plans primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or highly compensated employees of the Company ("top hat plans"):

Employer: The Art Institute of Chicago
111 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60603-6110

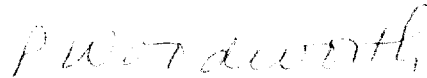
EIN: 36-2167725

Number of top hat plans: 1

Number of employees in top hat plan: Approximately 27

If you require any further information, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,



Patricia Woodworth
Executive Vice President for Finance &
Administration & Chief Financial Officer

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