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Top Hat Plan Exemption
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200 Constitution Avenue, NW
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Notice of Top Hat Plan

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We hereby notify you, pursuant to section 110 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, and in accordance with Department of Labor Regulation 2520.104-23, that Fisher Scientific International, Inc. maintains one (1) plan, the Supplemental Retirement Agreement (the "Plan"), primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or highly compensated employees. As of July 31, 2001, the total number of U.S. citizen or U.S. resident employees participating in the Plan was 1. Non-U.S. employees do not participate in the Plan.

The sole U.S. company that participates in the Plan is Fisher Scientific International, Inc. (EIN #02-0451017), Liberty Lane, Hampton, NH 03842.

Please feel free to call me at (603) 926-5911 if you require any additional information.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'MS Daigle', is written over the typed name.

Michael S. Daigle
on behalf of the Plan

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