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Via facsimile: (202) 547-9228 and

U.S Mail

Ralph L. Lotktin, Esq. Cochran & Lotkin Attorneys At Law 201 Massachusetts Avenue NE Suite C1 Washington, D.C. 20002

Re: American Trust Life Insurance Company

Dear Attorney Lotkin:

This letter is notice that I, Mrs. J.D. Hayles was hired as a part-time accountant for American Trust Life Insurance Company, Inc. in March 1982 thru December 1996.

As the accountant, my primary responsibility was to prepare the quarter ty and annual statements due to the State of Alabama Department of insurance located at 135 South Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-3351.

According to my copies of the working papers, American Trust Life Insurance Company's net operating income was negative during the periods of my employment. The last report prepared during my employment was for the period ending September 30, 1994. I resigned in April 1995

Should you need to speak with me further, please feel free to give me a telephone call at the number captioned above.

Yours truly,

cc: File

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