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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION  
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Re: *Proposed Acquisition of McData Corporation by Brocade  
Communications Systems Inc., FTC File No. 061-0279*

Dear Mr. Burke:

The Federal Trade Commission has conducted a nonpublic investigation to determine whether the proposed acquisition of McData Corporation by Brocade Communications Systems Inc. may violate Section 7 of the Clayton Act or Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act.

Upon further review of this matter, it now appears that no additional action is warranted by the Commission at this time. Accordingly, the investigation has been closed. This action is not to be construed as a determination that a violation may not have occurred, just as the pendency of an investigation should not be construed as a determination that a violation has occurred.

By direction of the Commission, with Commissioner Leibowitz abstaining.

Donald S. Clark  
Secretary