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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION  
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Office of the Director  
Bureau of Competition

Robert Leibenluft, Esq.  
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Re: New Hanover Regional Medical Center/Cape Fear Memorial Hospital, File No. 021-0213

Dear Mr. Leibenluft:

The Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Competition conducted a nonpublic investigation to determine whether the acquisition of Cape Fear Memorial Hospital by New Hanover Regional Medical Center may violate Section 7 of the Clayton Act or Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act or any other statute enforced by the Commission.

Pursuant to authority delegated by the Commission, 49 Fed. Reg. 6171 (1984), 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. The Commission reserves the right to take such further action as the public interest may require.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David P. Wales, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

David P. Wales, Jr.  
Acting Director  
Bureau of Competition