

# EXHIBIT C



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May 23, 2001

Mr. Nathan Aber  
Amtrust Realty  
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Re: Maiden Lane Tax Certiori – RFI

Dear Nathan:

As I have discussed with you, we are in the process of preparing our court case to reduce the assessments for tax years 1991/92 through 1995/96. A successful resolution of this matter will also benefit your property.

You have offered to cooperate with our efforts in this regard and we ask for your assistance with the following:

- 1) Our asbestos cost estimator/hygenist requires permission to review and obtain copies of your official City filings relating to the asbestos removal in the building (ACP-7, Manifest, Department of Buildings and related filings) which I understand are maintained in John Cavaliere's office.
- 2) We need the documentation relating to your acquisition of the property. We want to verify the purchase price. You had asked that my attorney (Mr. Joel Marcus) work through Bill Banfield to secure the necessary documentation. Unfortunately, our several requests and letters to him have not been responded to. This information was specifically requested by the City in a discovery request and therefore, it is urgently needed. Attached is a copy of the request for your file.
- 3) The City of New York Finance Department has leased space in the building. It is our understanding that in other leases, the City has demanded language relating to asbestos conditions and removal assurances from Landlords. We would like to have a copy of this lease because it will be very helpful in the preparation of our case. You can remove any financial terms that you feel need to remain confidential.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation in this important matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce Lerner".

Bruce A. Lerner  
Vice President

Attachment

Cc: J. Marcus  
J. Ross