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RELEASE OF MORTGAGE

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, a corporation of the State of New York, with its principal office located at One Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y., does hereby acknowledge that a certain Mortgage, dated April 12, 1978 executed by William A. Dingbaum, also known as William Anthony Dingbaum, and JoAnn Dingbaum, husband and wife, to The Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, of Newark, New Jersey, which Mortgage has been assigned to MBL Life Assurance Corporation, pursuant to an Assignment dated March 30, 1994, recorded May 6, 1994 in the office of the Recorder of Delaware County, Iowa in Book 123, Page 71, which Mortgage has now been assigned to Metropolitan Life Insurance Company by Assignment of Mortgage dated December 10, 1996, and recorded December 24, 1996 in Book 132, Page 252 in the office of the Recorder of Delaware County, Iowa and covering land and premises situate in the County of Delaware, Iowa, being a Mortgage securing the payment of- -ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND- -Dollars, duly recorded in the office of the Recorder of Delaware County, Iowa in Book 81 of Mortgages, Page 307 is redeemed, paid off, satisfied, and discharged in full.

In Witness Whereof, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company has caused these presents to be executed by DARRELL J. SMITH, its VICE-PRESIDENT and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed, this 18th day of December, 1997.

METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

By _____
DARRELL J. SMITH / VICE-PRESIDENT

State of Kansas)
) ss
County of Johnson)

Be it remembered, that on this 18th day of December, 1997, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared DARRELL J. SMITH of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, a New York corporation, who is personally known to me to be the VICE-PRESIDENT of said corporation, and the same person who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged the execution of the same for and on behalf of and as the act and deed of said corporation.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year last above written.

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NOTARY PUBLIC

HELAINE S. REED
Notary Public - State of Kansas
My Appt. Expires December 31, 2000

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