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Via Electronic Mail and ECF
Hon. Richard J. Sullivan
U.S. District Court for the
Southern District of New York
40 Foley Square
New York, NY 10007

Re: **SEC v. Straub, No. 11-Civ-9645-RJS**
Status report regarding settlement
with defendant Elek Straub

Dear Judge Sullivan:

I write to update the Court on the status of the SEC's settlement with defendant Elek Straub. Yesterday, March 21, the Commission voted to approve the proposed settlement.

The terms of the settlement include a civil penalty, which must be placed into an escrow account before Mr. Straub's signed consent and a proposed final judgment can be submitted for the Court's approval. The SEC has been advised by Mr. Straub's counsel that the process for transferring the funds into escrow is underway and should be completed within the next 7-10 days.

The SEC will update the Court promptly with any further developments.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. I. Dodge", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Robert I. Dodge

cc: counsel of record