



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20580

Office of the Secretary

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Re: *Merger Of AmeriSource Health Corporation and
Bergen Brunswick Corporation, FTC File No. 011-0122*

Dear Mr. Yde:

The Federal Trade Commission has conducted a nonpublic investigation to determine whether the proposed merger of AmeriSource Health Corporation and Bergen Brunswick Corporation 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. The Commission reserves the right to take such further action as the public interest may require.

By direction of the Commission, Commissioner Thompson concurring only in the result.

Donald S. Clark
Secretary

Attachments: Statement of the Commission
Concurring Statement of Commissioner Thompson