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Mr. Jonathon G. Katz
Securities and Exchange Commission
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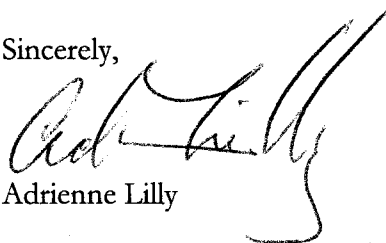
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Dear Mr. Katz:

Pursuant to the Commission's Order No. 4-460, enclosed please find the sworn statements of P. Anthony Ridder and Gary R. Effren, the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, respectively, of Knight-Ridder, Inc.

As confirmation of receipt, please stamp the enclosed copy of this letter and return it to me in the enclosed, self-addressed stamped envelope provided.

Sincerely,



Adrienne Lilly

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**Statement Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer
Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating To Exchange Act Filings**

I, P. Anthony Ridder, state and attest that:

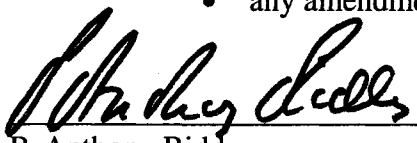
(1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Knight-Ridder, Inc., and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:

- no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
- no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).

(2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's audit committee.

(3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":

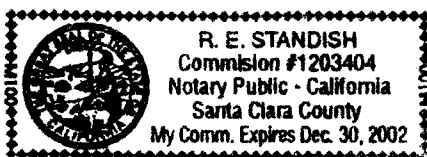
- Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Commission of Knight-Ridder, Inc. on March 29, 2002;
- all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Knight-Ridder, Inc. filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
- any amendments to any of the foregoing.


 P. Anthony Ridder
 Chairman & Chief Executive Officer
 August 3, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of August, 2002.


 Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 12-30-2002



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