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Thomas L. Chapple
Senior Vice President
General Counsel and Secretary



August 7, 2002

Mr. Jonathan G. Katz
Secretary
Securities and Exchange Commission
450 Fifth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20549
Via fax, followed by delivery.

Re: SEC Order No. 4-460

Dear Mr. Katz:

On behalf of Douglas H. McCorkindale, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Gannett Co., Inc., and Larry F. Miller, Executive Vice President/Operations and Chief Financial Officer of Gannett Co., Inc., I have enclosed the duly executed certificates required by Securities and Exchange Commission Order No. 4-460.

Very truly yours,

Thomas L. Chapple

Enclosures

cc: Douglas H. McCorkindale
Larry F. Miller

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

I, Douglas H. McCorkindale, state and attest that:

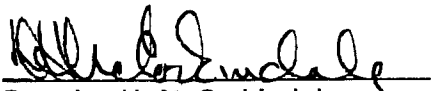
(1) to the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Gannett Co., Inc. ("Gannett"), and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:

- 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 Gannett'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 of Gannett for the fiscal year ended December 30, 2001;
- all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Gannett filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
- any amendments to any of the foregoing.



Douglas H. McCorkindale
Chairman, President
and Chief Executive Officer
Gannett Co., Inc.
August 7, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to
before me this 7th day of
August, 2002.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 2-29-04

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