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# MARKEL CORPORATION

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VIA FACSIMILE AND OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Securities and Exchange Commission  
450 Fifth Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20549  
Attention: Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary

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Re: Markel Corporation Sworn Statements

Dear Mr. Katz:

Pursuant to Order of the Securities and Exchange Commission requiring the filing of sworn statements pursuant to Section 21(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (File No. 4-460), I have enclosed sworn statements from each of Alan I. Kirshner, Principal Executive Officer, and Darrell D. Martin, Principal Financial Officer, of Markel Corporation.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and the statements by stamping and returning the enclosed copy of this letter in the self-addressed stamped envelope provided.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (804) 965-1717.

Very truly yours,

Linda S. Rotz  
Associate Corporate Counsel

Enclosures

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**STATEMENT UNDER OATH OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER RELATING TO EXCHANGE ACT FILINGS**

I, Alan I. Kirshner, Chief Executive Officer of Markel Corporation (the "Company"), state and attest that:

- (1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of the Company, 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":
- the Annual Report on Form 10-K of the Company filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") for the year ended December 31, 2001;
  - all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of the Company filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
  - any amendments to any of the foregoing.

Dated: August 7, 2002

Alan I. Kirshner  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2002.

Jean Childress  
Notary Public

My commission expires: 12/31/05

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