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OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE, INC.

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Securities and Exchange Commission
450 Fifth Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20549

Attn: Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary

Re: Outback Steakhouse, Inc. Sworn Statements

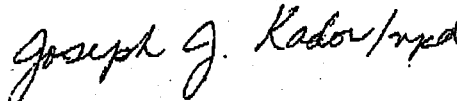
Dear Mr. Katz:

Pursuant to Order No. 4-460 of the Securities and Exchange Commission requiring the filing of sworn statements pursuant to Section 21(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, enclosed please find a sworn statement from each of Chris T. Sullivan, Principal Executive Officer, and Robert S. Merritt, Principal Financial Officer, of Outback Steakhouse, Inc.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and the attached statements by stamping and returning the enclosed copy of this letter in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided. If possible, please confirm receipt of this facsimile by faxing a stamped copy to my attention at (813) 281-2114.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (813) 282-1225.

Very truly yours,



Joseph J. Kadow
Senior Vice President and General Counsel

Enclosures

**STATEMENT UNDER OATH OF PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER
REGARDING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO EXCHANGE
ACT FILINGS**

I, Robert S. Merritt, state and attest that:

- (1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Outback Steakhouse, 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 of Outback Steakhouse, Inc. 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 Outback Steakhouse, Inc. filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
 - any amendments to any of the foregoing.

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Robert S. Merritt
Sr. Vice President-Finance
(Principal Financial Officer)
August 13, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to
before me this 13th day of
August, 2002.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

4-12-04

