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

Re: Statements of Chief Executive Officer and Chief
Financial Officer of Jones Apparel Group, Inc.

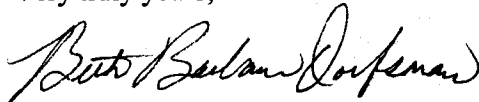
Dear Mr. Katz:

In response to the Commission's Order No. 4-460 Pursuant to Section 21(a)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, enclosed herewith are the original Statements Under Oath of Peter Boneparth, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Wesley R. Card, Chief Operating and Financial Officer, of Jones Apparel Group, Inc.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter and the enclosures by date-stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to the undersigned in the postage-paid, self-addressed envelope provided.

Please direct all correspondence relative to the enclosures to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,



Beth Barban Dorfsman
Vice President and Deputy General Counsel

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Enclosures

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

I, Wesley R. Card, Chief Operating and Financial Officer, state and attest that:

(1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Jones Apparel Group, 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 for the year ended December 31, 2001 of Jones Apparel Group, Inc.;
- all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Jones Apparel Group, Inc. filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and

• any amendments to any of the foregoing.

Wesley R. Card
Wesley R. Card,
Chief Operating and
Financial Officer

August 13, 2002
[Date]

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

Katherine Blaukopf
[Signature]
Notary Public

KATHERINE BLAUKOPF
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