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Dear Sir,

5 September 2001

Safeway plc Safeway House 6 Millington Road

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The Company Secretary

As requested, we hereby submit our resignation as auditors of Safeway plc and the subsidiaries listed in Appendix 1 to this letter with immediate effect.

In accordance with section 394 of the Companies Act 1985, we confirm that there are no circumstances connected with our ceasing to hold office that we consider should be brought to the attention of the members or creditors of each of these companies.

Yours faithfully

ARTHUR ANDERSEN

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COMPANIES HOUSE

13/09/01

Anchor Developments Ltd

English Real Estates Ltd

Equinox Retailing Ltd

Gordav (Portree) Ltd

J3 Property Ltd

Safeway Food Stores Ltd

Safeway Overseas Ltd

Safeway Pension Trustees Ltd

Safeway Properties Ltd

Safeway Quest Trustees Ltd

Safeway/Stores (Ireland) Ltd

Safeway Stores Fuel Ltd

Safeway Stores plc

Safeway Trustees Furb Ltd

Stores Group Ltd

Velljgrist Ltd

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