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(Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

CENDANT CORPORATION

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In connection with the application of Cendant Corporation ("Cendant") and Season Acquisition Corp. to acquire control of American Bankers Insurance Group, Inc., Cendant submitted letters to the state insurance commissioners in Arizona and Florida on February 12, 1998 and Cendant submitted letters to the state insurance commissioners of New York, Georgia, South Carolina and Puerto Rico, on February 13, 1998, copies of which are included hereto.

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February 11, 1998

Honorable John W. Oxendine
Insurance and Fire Safety Commissioner
7th Floor-West Tower
2 Martin Luther King Jr., Drive
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Commissioner Oxendine:

Over the past few weeks a lot has been written about Cendant and its offer to acquire American Bankers Insurance Group for \$58.00 per share.

We are writing to introduce ourselves and to provide you with some basic information about Cendant. We hope in the near future that we will have the opportunity to meet you in person and to provide you with a more complete picture about Cendant and its plans for American Bankers.

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That being said, let us give you some relevant facts about Cendant:

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We will be sending additional information on Cendant to you under separate cover. Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Walter A. Forbes
Chairman

Henry R. Silverman
President and
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Susan Hutcheson, Director of Enforcement Division

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Honorable Lee P. Jedziniak
Director of Insurance
South Carolina Department of Insurance
1612 Marion Street
Post Office Box 100105
Columbia, SC 29202-3105

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cc: Timothy W. Campbell, Deputy Director
Office of Insurer Licensing and Solvency Service

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Honorable Bill Nelson
Treasurer and Insurance Commissioner
Florida Department of Insurance
200 East Gaines Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

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cc: Ms. Joan Hendricks, Applications Coordinator

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Arizona Department of Insurance
2910 North 44th Street, Suite 210
Phoenix, AZ 85018

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cc: Kurt Regner, Assistant Chief Examiner

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February 11, 1998

Honorable Juan Antonio Garcia
Commissioner of Insurance of Puerto Rico
Cobian Plaza Building, Basement LM
Ponce de Leon Avenue
Santurce, Puerto Rico 00910

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cc: Ruben Gely, Esq., Interventions Department

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