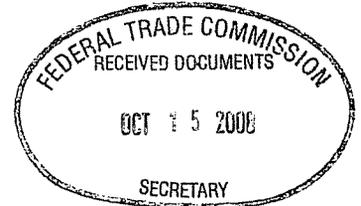




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Donald S. Clark  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Trade Commission, Room H-135  
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20580



Re: Proposed Consent Order  
*In the Matter of* Reed Elsevier and ChoicePoint, FTC File No. 081-0133

Dear Mr. Clark:

I'm writing on behalf of Hamilton-Gray Investigations regarding the proposed consent order and acquisition of ChoicePoint by Reed Elsevier. Our firm specializes in insurance fraud investigations, on behalf of insurance carriers. Our investigators routinely utilize proprietary databases to secure information to assist our investigation efforts.

Over the years, many of the database companies we have used have been merged consolidated, thus reducing the number of database providers out there. Elsevier's acquisition of ChoicePoint would be anticompetitive and a violation of antitrust law in the market for the sale of public records information to law enforcement agencies.

We urge that the Commission not approve the acquisition until respondents can divest themselves of public records services provided to private industry as well as to law enforcement.

Unless an appropriate remedy is offered, the insurance industry and private investigation industry will suffer irreparable harm. When competition is reduced, incentives for innovation are reduced, prices rise and service suffers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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