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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
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The Honorable Jim Hood
Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
Walter Sillers Building
P.O. Box 220
Jackson, Mississippi 39205-0220

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Re: In the Matter of Reed Elsevier NV, a corporation; Reed Elsevier PLC, a public limited company; Reed Elsevier Group plc, a public limited company; Reed Elsevier Inc., a corporation; ChoicePoint Inc., a corporation; ChoicePoint Services Inc., a corporation; and ChoicePoint Government Services LLC, a limited liability company, File No. 081-0133

Thank you for your comments regarding the proposed consent order accepted by the Federal Trade Commission for public comment in the above-captioned matter. In your letter, you expressed concern that Reed Elsevier's acquisition of ChoicePoint will harm consumers of electronic public records other than law enforcement customers. The Commission has reviewed your comments in connection with its decision concerning whether to accord final approval to the proposed consent order and has also placed your comments on the public record.

After careful consideration of your comments, the Commission has determined that the public interest would be best served by issuing the Decision and Order in final form without modification. We note, however, that the consent order maintains competition in non-law enforcement markets by requiring the divestiture of assets related to ChoicePoint's CLEAR electronic public records services to Thompson Reuters Legal Inc. ("West"). Under the terms of the consent order, West obtained the rights to sell CLEAR to all customers, including those in the insurance, private investigation, and background screening markets.

A copy of the final Decision and Order is enclosed for your information. Relevant materials are also available from the Commission's Website at <http://www.ftc.gov>

It helps the Commission's analysis to hear from a variety of sources in its work on antitrust and consumer protection issues, and we appreciate your interest in this matter.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark
Secretary