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North Fork Bancorporation Inc.

Aurelie S. Graf
Vice President
Corporate Secretary

July 31, 2002

Via Facsimile and Federal Express

Jonathan G. Katz
Secretary
Securities and Exchange Commission
450 Fifth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20549-0609

Dear Mr. Katz:

Enclosed please find the Statement Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating To Exchange Act Filings for North Fork Bancorporation, Inc. ("North Fork"). These Oaths have been executed by North Fork's Principal Executive Officer, John Adam Kanas, and Principal Financial Officer, Daniel M. Healy.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the number below.

Very truly yours,

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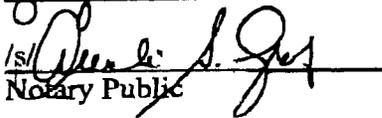
STATEMENT UNDER OATH OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER REGARDING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO EXCHANGE ACT FILINGS

I, John Adam Kanas, Chief Executive Officer, state and attest that;

- (1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of North Fork Bancorporation, 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":
 - December 31, 2001 Annual Report on Form 10-K for North Fork Bancorporation, Inc.;
 - All reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K, and all definitive proxy materials of North Fork Bancorporation, Inc. filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
 - any amendments to any of the foregoing


 Name: John Adam Kanas, Chief Executive Officer
 Date: 7/31/02

Subscribed and sworn to
 before me this 31st day of
 July 2002.


 Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

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