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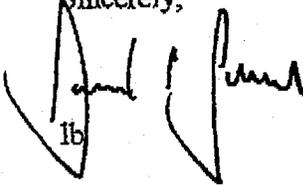
Securities and Exchange Commission
Judiciary Plaza
450 Fifth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20549

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Guidant Corporation hereby transmits, on behalf of its Principal Executive and Financial Officers, the statements required by the SEC Order dated June 27, 2002, File No. 4-460.

Please feel free to contact me at the number below with any questions relating to the statements.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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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, Ronald W. Dollens, state and attest that:

(1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Guidant Corporation (the "Company"), 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":

- Report of Guidant Corporation on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001;
all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Guidant Corporation filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
any amendments to any of the foregoing.

Ronald W. Dollens
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August 13, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of August, 2002.

Nancy C Garcia
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

NANCY C. GARCIA
Notary Public, State of Indiana
County of Marion
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