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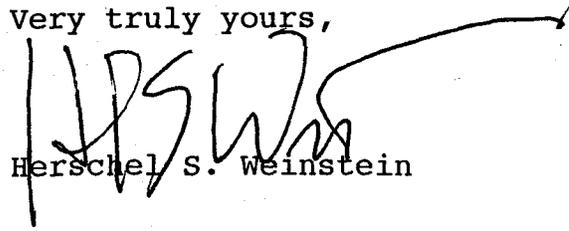
Attention: Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary

Re: Forest Laboratories, Inc.;
Securities and Exchange Commission
File No. 4-460 under Section 21(a)(1)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Dear Mr. Katz:

I have enclosed for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission in accordance with the above-referenced Order originally executed certifications under oath of the principal executive officer and principal financial officer of Forest Laboratories, Inc.

Very truly yours,



Herschel S. Weinstein

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cc: Howard Solomon
John E. Eggers

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**Statement Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer Regarding Facts and Circumstances
Relating to Exchange Act Filings**

Howard Solomon, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Forest Laboratories, Inc. ("Forest"), states and attests that:

(1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Forest, 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 Forest'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":

- Forest's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002;
- Forest's Definitive Proxy Statement for its Annual Meeting of Shareholders held on August 8, 2002;
- Forest's Current Report on Form 8-K (date of event reported: July 2, 2002)
- Forest's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter Ended June 30, 2002.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 12 day of August, 2002.

By: Howard Solomon
Howard Solomon
August 12, 2002

By: Marian Pollack
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

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