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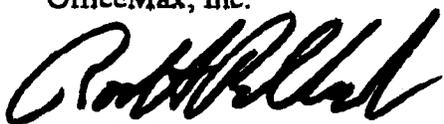
Jonathan G. Katz
Secretary
Securities and Exchange Commission
450 Fifth Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20549

**Re: Statement Under Oath Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating
to Exchange Act Filings**

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto are the "Statements Under Oath Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings" as required by Order 4-460 issued by the SEC on June 27, 2002 for each of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of OfficeMax, Inc.

Very Truly Yours,
OfficeMax, Inc.



Ross H. Pollock
Secretary

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

I, Michael F. Killeen, principal financial officer of OfficeMax, Inc., state and attest that:

- (1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of OfficeMax, 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":
 - Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 26, 2002 of OfficeMax, Inc. filed with the Commission on April 17, 2002;
 - all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of OfficeMax, Inc. filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
 - any amendments to any of the foregoing.


 Michael F. Killeen
 Principal Financial Officer
 September 10, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
10th day of September, 2002


 Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

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ROSS H. POLLOCK, Attorney At Law
 Notary Public - State of Ohio
 My commission has no expiration date.
 Section 147.03 R.C.