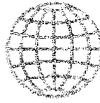


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# Universal Corporation

Richmond, Virginia 23260

September 16, 2002

**BY UPS**

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

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Dear Mr. Katz:

Pursuant to SEC Order 4-460, enclosed are the statements under oath of the principal executive officer and principal financial officer of Universal Corporation. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George C. Freeman, III".

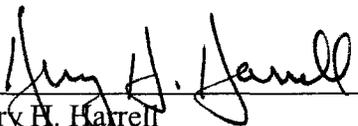
George C. Freeman, III, Esquire  
General Counsel and Secretary

Enclosures

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

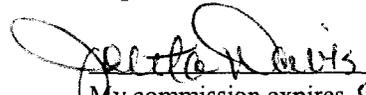
I, Henry H. Harrell, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) of Universal Corporation (the "Company"), state and attest that:

- (1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the Company's covered reports, 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 filed 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":
  - The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002;
  - all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of the Company filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
  - any amendments to any of the foregoing.

  
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 Henry H. Harrell  
 Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
 (Principal Executive Officer)

September 16, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
before me this 16th day of  
September, 2002.

 Notary Public  
 My commission expires 8-31-03

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Joetta Davis  
 formerly Joetta J. Anthony  
 Notary Public  
 Commonwealth of Virginia  
 My Commission Expires: 8/31/03