

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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By U.S. Mail and facsimile: (212) 218-2808

Lowell S. Dansker Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Intervest Bancshares Corporation One Rockefeller Plaza, Suite 400 New York, New York 10020-2002

> Re: Intervest Bancshares Corporation Form 10-K for December 31, 2008 Definitive Proxy Statement filed March 31, 2009

File Number 000-23377

Dear Mr. Dansker:

We have completed our review of your Annual Report on Form 10-K and related filings and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Eric Envall Staff Attorney