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CERTIFICATE UNDER RULE 497 (j)

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to 497(j) of Regulation C, under the Securities Act of 1933, in lieu of filing under paragraph (b) or (c) of Rule 497, I hereby certify that the form of Prospectus and Statements of Additional Information dated January 1, 2006 for the above-captioned registrant that would have been filed under paragraph (b) or (c) of Rule 497(j) does not differ from that contained in the most recent registration statement amendment and the text of the most recent registration statement that has been filed electronically.

Sincerely,

/s/Marilyn Lutzer
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