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VARIABLE ANNUITY ACCT C OF AETNA LIFE INSURANCE & ANNUITY CO

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RE: Aetna Life Insurance and Annuity Company
File No: 33-75974

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Accompanying this letter for filing pursuant to Rule 497(e) under the Securities Act of 1933, is a sticker to the Prospectus dated May 1, 1996 for the above referenced Registrant.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

/S/ Josepha M. Summa

Josepha M. Summa

Variable Annuity Account C
Aetna Life Insurance and Annuity Company

Supplement dated January 1, 1997

This information supplements your current Prospectus and should be read and retained with that Prospectus.

The Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996 (the "Act"), signed into law on August 20, 1996, has several effects on the Contracts described by this Prospectus; these are summarized below.

[bullet] Repeal of Death Benefit Exclusion

While payments received by your beneficiaries after your death are generally taxed in the same manner as if you had received those payments, a limited death benefit exclusion may have applied for payments due to deaths occurring on or before August 20, 1996. This exclusion no longer applies to payments due to deaths occurring after August 20, 1996.

[bullet] Minimum Distribution Requirements

Prior to August 20, 1996, the Internal Revenue Code required distributions to be made from certain plans by April 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which you attain age 70 1/2. As of January 1, 1997, distributions for qualified plan participants, other than five-percent owners, must begin by April 1 of the calendar year following the year in which you attain age 70 1/2 or retire, whichever occurs later.