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FIRST TRUST COMBINED SERIES 217

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Re: The First Trust Combined Series 217
(File No. 33-53139) (CIK No. 913732)

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Rule 497(j) of Regulation C under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") this letter serves to certify that the most recent amendment to the registration statement of Form S-6 for the above captioned Trust does not differ from that which would have been filed pursuant to Rule 497(b) of the Securities Act. Amendment No. 1 to the registration statement, which was the most recent amendment to the registration statement, was filed electronically with the Commission on May 11, 1994.

Very truly yours,

NIKE SECURITIES L.P.