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NATIONWIDE DC VARIABLE ACCOUNT

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December 30, 1996

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The United States Securities and
Exchange Commission
Judiciary Plaza
450 Fifth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20549

Subject: Nationwide DC Variable Account of
Nationwide Life Insurance Company
SEC File No. 2-51911; 811-2804
CIK No. 0000070699

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Rule 497(j) under the Securities Act of 1933 and on behalf of the Nationwide DC Variable Account (the "Variable Account") and Nationwide Life Insurance Company (the "Company"), we certify that the form of the Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information that would have been filed under paragraph (b) under Rule 497 does not differ from the form of the Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information contained in Post-Effective Amendment No. 38 (under the Securities Act of 1933) and No. 39 (under the Investment Company Act of 1940) to the Registration Statement for the Company and the Variable Account which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission electronically on December 20, 1996 and became effective December 23, 1996.

If there are any questions in connection with the enclosed, please contact Brian M. Bacon, Esq. at (614) 249-7452.

Very truly yours,

NATIONWIDE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

/s/ Joseph P. Rath

Joseph P. Rath
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