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Re: Advisors Disciplined Trust 961
(File No. 333-184469) (CIK 1556121)

Ladies/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 unit investment trust does not differ from that which would have been filed pursuant to Rule 497(b) of the Securities Act. The most recent amendment to the registration statement was filed electronically with the Commission on January 10, 2013.

Very truly yours,

Advisors Disciplined Trust 961

By: Advisors Asset Management, Inc.

By /s/ ALEX R. MEITZNER

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