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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRICT DIRECT,

DISTRICT

Attn: Chief, Examination Division

FROM: Branch Chief, Branch 6, Office of Associate Chief Counsel

(Passthroughs & Special Industries)

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SUBJECT: Withdrawal of Application for Change in Method of

Accounting

In accordance with section 8.07(2)(a) of Rev. Proc. 2000-1, 2000-1 I.R.B. 4, 33, this memorandum advises you that a taxpayer within your district has withdrawn one of the issues set forth in its Form 3115, Application for Change in Accounting Method. This document is not to be used or cited as precedent.

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LEGEND:

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<u>a</u> =

b =

This memorandum advises you that one the issue set forth in a Form 3115, dated \underline{a} , filed on behalf of \underline{B} , is withdrawn. \underline{B} withdrew the issue after we advised \underline{B} of our tentatively adverse position and also due to a change in its business operations. \underline{B} indicates its business in rentals and sales of \underline{b} has declined substantially since the time the Form 3115 was filed so that its current business makes its request outdated.

Specifically, <u>B</u> withdrew the request to change the method of accounting for rental <u>b</u> from an inventory method to a depreciation method. <u>B</u> believed that it could use a section 167 depreciation method analogous to that for video cassette rentals set forth in Rev. Rul. 89-62, 1989-1 C.B. 78. These changes would have been effective beginning with the taxable year beginning <u>a</u>.

Rev. Rul. 89-62 specifically states that video cassettes are depreciable under section 167 of the Code in accordance with the straight line method or the income forecast method. We do not view \underline{b} as coming within the scope of Rev. Rul. 89-62 nor encompassed within the provisions of section 168(f)(3).

If you have any questions on this matter, do not hesitate to call (202) 622-3110.

/s/ Charles B. Ramsey

Charles B. Ramsey

CC:

Changes in Methods of Accounting Industry Specialist