

EXHIBIT 9



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JOHN R. ALBERS
President
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Mr. W. P. Kloster
105 E. Elm Street
Dublin, TX 76446


Dear Bill:

Thank you so much for the 6-packs of that special "sugar-blended" Dr Pepper from Dublin, Texas. I have just returned from the holidays and was most pleased to find your generous remembrance awaiting my return. Needless to say, I keep this in my own private stash for personal consumption and it will be enjoyed to the fullest.

I really appreciate your thoughtfulness and we are looking forward to your 100th celebration in 1991 when this pure Dr Pepper will be recognized for its unique quality and endurance.

Best wishes to you and yours for the new year.

Sincerely,


John R. Albers
President,
Chief Executive Officer

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