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Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance
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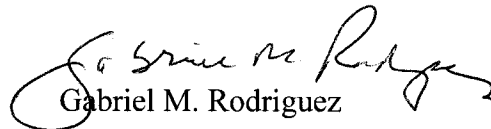
Re: In re HSBC USA Inc. and HSBC Finance Corporation Docket No. CAA-HQ-2008-8004; CWA-HQ-2008-8004; EPCRA-HQ-2008-8004

Dear Clerk and Ms. Cavalier:

Enclosed please find the Federal Express documentation and copy of check and Certified Mail documentation and copy of check, which evidences HSBC's payments of civil penalties as set forth in the Consent Agreement for the above-referenced matter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Gabriel M. Rodriguez

GMR:dm

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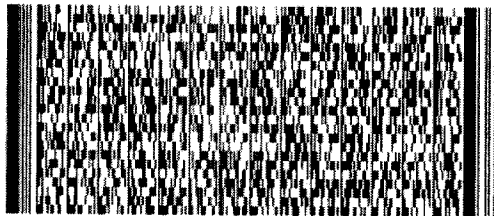
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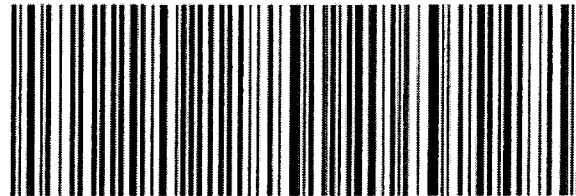
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Docket No. CWA-HQ-2008-2004