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December 11, 2001

Supervisor Rivera New York City Department of Finance Tax Enforcement Unit 345 Adam Street, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor Brooklyn, NY 11201

Dear Supervisor Rivera:

In early October, I provided your office with information concerning the evasion of taxes by a Russian immigrant, Alina Alexandrovna Shipilina (aka Chipilina) - Social Security Number 063 90 4695, living in Queens, New York.

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This letter is to provide you with the street address of the Bank of Cyprus where she maintains a Global Equity Fund, account number 54660, which she did not report on her 2000 tax return. The account is located at

Bank Of Cyprus Aigos Fylaeeos 282 3083 Aiga Fyaa Limassol, Cyprus.

Ms. Shipilina is unaware that I know about this account.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

#### **ROY DEN HOLLANDER**

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October 2, 2001

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Lawrence Grinaldi New York State Department of Taxation and Finance 55 Hanson Place Brooklyn, NY 11217

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December 8, 2001

Assemblyman Thomas F. Barraga Albany Office LOB 629 Albany, NY 12248

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Councilman Herbert E. Berman 250 Broadway, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10007

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