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REVIEW LETTER

1.	VSA Educational PresentationA Retirement Planning Review (# BISYS) Bulas: 2210, SEC 482, VABLABLE	2006- May -	VSA -
	Rules: 2210, SEC 482, VARIABLE 12 pages	Fee:	\$120
2.	VSA Educational PresentationA Lesson in Life Insurance (#200 BISYS)	6- May - VS	A -
	Rules: 2210, SEC 482, VARIABLE		
	15 pages	Fee:	\$150
3.	VSA Educational PresentationThe Role of Life Insurance in Ret (#2006- May - VSA - BISYS)	irement Plan	ning
	Rules: 2210, SEC 482, VARIABLE 10 pages	Fee:	\$100
4.	VSA Educational PresentationRetirement Income Protection (#2 BISYS) Rules: 2210, SEC 482, VARIABLE	006- May - V	VSA -
	8 pages	Fee:	\$100
5.	VSA Educational PresentationA Deferred Annuity Review (#200 BISYS) Rules: 2210, SEC 482, VARIABLE	06- May - VS	5A -
	14 pages	Fee:	\$140
6.	VSA Educational PresentationAn Immediate Income Annuity Re - VSA - BISYS) Rules: 2210, SEC 482, VARIABLE	eview (#2006	5- May
	11 pages	Fee:	\$110



7.	VSA Educational PresentationTraditional IRA/Roth IRA (#2006 BISYS) Rules: 2210, SEC 482, VARIABLE	5- May - VSA	A -
	17 pages	Fee:	\$170
8.	VSA Educational PresentationTDA (#2006- May - VSA - BISY Rules: 2210, SEC 482, VARIABLE	S)	
	11 pages	Fee:	\$110
9.	VSA Educational PresentationA Lesson in Life Insurance (#200 BISYS)	6- May - VS	A -
	Rules: 2210, SEC 482, VARIABLE 13 pages	Fee:	\$130
10.	VSA Educational PresentationA Lesson in Annuities (#2006- M Rules: 2210, SEC 482, VARIABLE	ay - VSA - E	BISYS)
	18 pages	Fee:	\$180
11.	VSA Educational PresentationA Lesson in Variable Annuities (# BISYS)	#2006- May -	- VSA -
	Rules: 2210, SEC 482, VARIABLE 16 pages	Fee:	\$160
12.	VSA Educational PresentationA Lesson in Fixed Interest and Inc (#2006- May - VSA - BISYS)	dexed Annui	ties
	Rules: 2210, SEC 482, VARIABLE 17 pages	Fee:	\$170
13.	VSA Educational PresentationA Deferred Fixed Interest and Ind Review (#2006- May - VSA - BISYS) Rules: 2210, SEC 482, VARIABLE	lexed Annuit	у
	14 pages	Fee:	\$140
14.	BISYS)	2006- May -	VSA -
	Rules: 2210, SEC 482, VARIABLE 15 pages	Fee:	\$150



15.	VSA Educational Presentation"Stretch" IRA (#2006- May - VS Rules: 2210, SEC 482, VARIABLE	A - BISYS))
	12 pages	Fee:	\$120
16.	VSA Educational PresentationReverse Mortgages (#2006- May Rule: 2210	- VSA - BI	(SYS)
	11 pages	Fee:	\$110
17.	VSA Educational PresentationInsured Stock Redemption Buy-S Corporations (#2006- May - VSA - BISYS) Rules: 2210, SEC 482, VARIABLE	Sell Plan for	
	14 pages	Fee:	\$140
18.	VSA Educational PresentationInsured Section 303 Stock Reden May - VSA - BISYS)	nption Plan	(#2006-
	Rules: 2210, SEC 482, VARIABLE 13 pages	Fee:	\$130
19.	VSA Educational PresentationBusiness Split Dollar Life Insura May - VSA - BISYS) Rules: 2210, SEC 482, VARIABLE	nce Plan (#2	2006-
	14 pages	Fee:	\$140
20.	VSA Educational PresentationA Charitable Trust Review (#200 BISYS))6- May - V	SA -
	Rules: 2210, SEC 482, VARIABLE 16 pages	Fee:	\$160
21.	VSA Educational PresentationA Lesson in Charitable Giving (# BISYS)	2006- May	- VSA -
	Rules: 2210, SEC 482, VARIABLE 20 pages	Fee:	\$200
22.	VSA Educational PresentationCharitable Gifts of Life Insurance VSA - BISYS)	e (#2006- N	lay -

Rules: 2210, SEC 482, VARIABLE



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11 pages

23.	VSA Educational PresentationA Lesson in Qualified Retiremen - VSA - BISYS) Rule: 2210	nt Plans (#20	06- May
	18 pages	Fee:	\$180
24.	VSA Educational PresentationAn Owner Only 401 (K) Plan (# BISYS) Rule: 2210		
	12 pages	Fee:	\$120
25.	VSA Educational PresentationHuman Life Value Report (#200 BISYS) Rule: 2210)6- May - VS	A -
	3 pages	Fee:	\$100
26.	VSA Educational PresentationSurvivor Cash Needs Report (#2 BISYS) Rule: 2210	2006- May - `	VSA -
	4 pages	Fee:	\$100
27.	VSA Educational PresentationSurvivor Income Needs Report (BISYS) Rule: 2210	(#2006- May	- VSA -
	3 pages	Fee:	\$100
28.	VSA Educational PresentationSurvivor Cash and Income Need May - VSA - BISYS) Rule: 2210	s Report (#2	006-
	8 pages	Fee:	\$100
29.	VSA Educational PresentationRetirement Analysis Report (#20 BISYS)	006- May - V	/SA -
	Rule: 2210 9 pages	Fee:	\$100



	Rule: 2210 3 pages	Fee:	\$100
31.	VSA Educational PresentationDo You Still Have Enough Life In May - VSA - BISYS)	surance (#20	006-
	Rules: 2210, SEC 482, VARIABLE 3 pages	Fee:	\$100
32.	VSA Educational PresentationDo You Still Have Disability Inco (#2006- May - VSA - BISYS) Rule: 2210	me Insuranc	e
	3 pages	Fee:	\$100
33.	VSA Educational PresentationBusiness Valuation Report (#2006 BISYS) Rule: 2210	- May - VSA	A -
	6 pages	Fee:	\$100
34.	VSA Educational PresentationKey Employee Valuation Report (- BISYS) Rule: 2210	#2006- May	- VSA
	8 pages	Fee:	\$100
35.	VSA Educational PresentationPre-Tax Profit Equivalent Report (VSA - BISYS) Rule: 2210	(#2006- May	7 -
	3 pages	Fee:	\$100
36.	VSA Educational PresentationAfter-Tax Corporate Cost Report (VSA - BISYS) Rule: 2210	(#2006- May	7 _
	3 pages	Fee:	\$100
37.	VSA Educational PresentationCost of Group Term Life Insurance	e Report (#2	006-

30. VSA Educational Presentation--Cost of Raising a Child (#2006- May - VSA -

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Rule: 2210 4 pages

Fee: \$100

38.	VSA Educational PresentationEstimated Corporated Alternative I Report (#2006- May - VSA - BISYS) Rule: 2210	Minimum Tរ	ıx
	4 pages	Fee:	\$100
39.	VSA Educational PresentationSelf-Employed Qualified Retireme Contribution Report (#2006- May - VSA - BISYS) Rule: 2210	nt Plan	
	4 pages	Fee:	\$100
40.	VSA Educational PresentationFederal Estate Tax Report (#2006- BISYS) Rule: 2210	May - VSA	-
	7 pages	Fee:	\$100
41.	VSA Educational PresentationCompensation and Benefit Stateme VSA - BISYS) Rule: 2210	ent (#2006- 1	May -
	3 pages	Fee:	\$100
		Total Fee:	\$5040

Attention: James Dolan

Revisions are necessary for the following material to comply with applicable standards.

Unless otherwise indicated, the following comments are applicable to all of the above referenced filings.

Pursuant to NASD Conduct Rule 2210 (d)(2)(C)(i), the member's name must be prominently disclosed. We note that the member name is omitted from each presentation. Thus, please revise accordingly.



Please note that these reviews do not cover the merits of estate planning, business valuation, insurance or tax advice presented in each module. It is your firm's responsibility to ensure that the information given in each of these presentations is accurate and can be substantiated pursuant to Rule 2210 (d)(1)(B).

A Retirement Planning Review

Pursuant to Rule 2210 (d)(1)(A), we offer the following comments:

- 1. Given that the presentation emphasizes and highlights the concept of tax-deferred investing and solicits interests in variable annuities, to provide a fair and balanced presentation, the material must be revised to disclose that annuities do not provide any tax deferral advantage over other types of investments offered through qualified plans or IRAs.
- 2. The data on page #4 regarding the odds of living to retirement age and life expectancy is sourced to a 2001 Commissioners' Standard Ordinary Mortality Table and thus, appears to be outdated. Given that the use of stale data may be misleading, for a fair presentation, the data must be updated to reflect more recent information.
- 3. The table on page 7, "Capital Required at Various Interest Rates" does not provide the length of time on which the calculations are based. Thus, the material must be revised to address this concern.
- 4. To provide a sound basis for evaluation, the hypothetical illustrations on pages 8 and 9 should be revised to disclose that (i) rates will vary over time, particularly for long-term investments; and (ii) the illustrations do not take into consideration any investment fees or expenses, which would lower performance.
- 5. We note that the entire section on page 11 omits material information regarding the features of these products. For example, regarding annuities, there is no discussion of the different types of annuities or death benefits. In addition, there is no discussion of fees or charges for any product. Therefore, the material must be revised to include this information.

Prospectus Offering Statement Issues



1. We note the inclusion of a prospectus offering statement. However, there is no discussion of the investments and risks characteristics of these products. To provide a sound basis and a complete presentation, the material must be revised to address this concern.

- 2. The prospectus offer on page 2 does not offer a prospectus for the variable insurance product as required by SEC Rule 482 and, hence, the material must be revised. For additional guidance, we refer you to the Federal Register Vol. 68 No. 193, page 57766, where it states that a variable insurance product advertisement should direct investors to both the contract prospectus and the underlying fund prospectuses. Currently, the prospectus offering suggests that the reader only consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses of the underlying investment option, not the *variable product*.
- 3. The prospectus offer is incomplete contrary to SEC Rule 482(b)(1)(i), as it does not identify a source from which an investor may obtain a prospectus. Please revise accordingly.

A Lesson in Life Insurance (with variable products)

- 1. We note that the material regarding Equity Indexed Universal Life Insurance, Variable Life Insurance, and Variable Universal Life Insurance, is incomplete, as material information is omitted from the presentation. For example, there is no discussion of fees and charges. In addition, the repeated references to "strong markets" and "positive market performance" are not balanced with the risks associated with poor market performance. Therefore, pursuant to Rule 2210 (d)(1)(A), the material must be revised to address these concerns.
- 2. The prospectus offer on page 2 does not offer a prospectus for the variable insurance product as required by SEC Rule 482 and, hence, the material must be revised. For additional guidance, we refer you to the Federal Register Vol. 68 No. 193, page 57766, where it states that a variable insurance product advertisement should direct investors to both the contract prospectus and the underlying fund prospectuses. Currently, the prospectus offering suggests that the reader only consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses of the underlying investment option, not the *variable*

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product.

3. The prospectus offer is incomplete contrary to SEC Rule 482(b)(1)(i), as it does not identify a source from which an investor may obtain a prospectus. Please revise accordingly.

A Lesson in Life Insurance

We note that the material regarding Equity Indexed Universal Life Insurance is incomplete, as material information is omitted from the presentation. For example, there is no discussion of fees and charges. In addition, the reference to "strong markets" is not balanced with the risks associated with poor market performance. Therefore, pursuant to Rule 2210 (d)(1)(A), the material must be revised to address these concerns.

The Role of Life Insurance in Retirement Planning

NASD Rule 2210 (d)(2)(B) requires that a communication disclose all material differences when comparing different investment options. As presented, the comparison between Regular IRAs, Roth IRAs and Cash Value Life Insurance on page 10 is incomplete and oversimplified, as it omits material information pertaining to the investment characteristics and risks of the different options (including associated fees and charges.) Therefore, please revise accordingly.

Prospectus Offering Statement Issues

- We note that a prospectus offer for variable life insurance is located on page 2; however, there is no discussion specifically relating to variable life. In addition, the material discusses "cash value life insurance" without identifying or explaining any specific product that would be available to an investor. Therefore, pursuant to Rule 2210 (d)(1)(A) to provide a sound basis for evaluation, the material must be revised to address these concerns.
- 2. The prospectus offer on page 2 does not offer a prospectus for the variable insurance product as required by SEC Rule 482 and, hence, the material must be revised. For additional guidance, we refer you to the Federal Register Vol. 68 No. 193, page 57766, where it states that a variable insurance product advertisement should direct investors to both the contract prospectus and the underlying fund prospectuses. Currently, the

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prospectus offering suggests that the reader only consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses of the underlying investment option, not the *variable product*.

3. The prospectus offer is incomplete contrary to SEC Rule 482(b)(1)(i), as it does not identify a source from which an investor may obtain a prospectus. Please revise accordingly.

A Retirement Income Protection Review

Pursuant to Rule 2210 (d)(1)(B), we offer the following comments:

- 1. We note that the "Cost to You in Lost Pension Benefits" section of the hypothetical example on page 5 is potentially misleading given that (i) only one "cost" scenario is highlighted; (ii) the "cost" is based only on the earner's life expectancy; and (iii) the section does not factor in the additional benefits to the spouse. Thus, the "Cost" section must be revised or deleted.
- 2. The statement, "Retirement Income Protection Is the Answer!" on page 6 is exaggerated and unwarranted and must be revised or deleted.

In a related matter, the overall suggestion that life insurance is the answer for every investor without regard to suitability or an investor's overall financial situation is misleading and contrary to Rule 2210 (d)(1)(B). We urge you to also consider the suitability standards set forth in Rule 2310.

Furthermore, NASD Conduct Rule 2210 (d)(2)(B) requires that a communication disclose all material differences when comparing different investment options. As presented, the comparison Joint and Survivor Annuity Payout Option and Retirement Income Protection Funded with Life Insurance on page 7 is incomplete, unbalanced and oversimplified, as it omits material information pertaining to the investment characteristics and risks of the different options. Therefore, the comparison must be revised to address these concerns.

Prospectus Offering Statement Issues

1. We note that a prospectus offer for variable life insurance is located on page 2; however, there is no discussion specifically relating to variable life. In addition, the material

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discusses "life insurance" without identifying or explaining the different types of life insurance. Furthermore, the discussion of life insurance is incomplete, as the material does not provide any overall explanation of the characteristics, benefits, fees, or risks. Therefore, pursuant to Rule 2210 (d)(1)(A) to provide a sound basis for evaluation and a balanced presentation, the material must be revised to address these concerns.

- 2. The prospectus offer on page 2 does not offer a prospectus for the variable insurance product as required by SEC Rule 482 and, hence, the material must be revised. For additional guidance, we refer you to the Federal Register Vol. 68 No. 193, page 57766, where it states that a variable insurance product advertisement should direct investors to both the contract prospectus and the underlying fund prospectuses. Currently, the prospectus offering suggests that the reader only consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses of the underlying investment option, not the *variable product*.
- 3. The prospectus offer is incomplete contrary to SEC Rule 482(b)(1)(i), as it does not identify a source from which an investor may obtain a prospectus. Please revise accordingly.

A Deferred Annuity Review

We direct your attention to "The Power of Tax-Deferred Annuity Growth in Action" chart on page 9. To provide a sound basis for evaluation and a fair and balanced presentation pursuant to Rule 2210 (d)(1)(A), the chart must be revised to include the following information:

1. The chart must disclose, either directly beneath it or next to it, the existence of the mortality and expense charges, sales charges, and administrative fees typically found in variable annuities.

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- 2. A legend accompanying the illustration should disclose that withdrawals prior to age 59 ¹/₂ are subject to a 10% tax penalty.
- 3. Disclosure that rates will vary over time, particularly for long-term investments.

We urge you to read NASD Member Alert titled "NASD Reminds Members of Their Responsibilities Regarding Hypothetical Tax-Deferral Illustrations in Variable Annuity Communications" issued May 10, 2004, for further guidance.

In addition, material information regarding Equity Indexed Annuities is omitted from the presentation on page 10. Specifically, to provide a fair and balanced presentation also pursuant to Rule 2210 (d)(1)(A), the discussion must be revised to explain the risks associated with an equity indexed annuity. Furthermore, the following material information should be disclosed (i) an investment in an indexed annuity is not a stock market investment; and (ii) it is possible for an individual to lose money.

We note the statement on page 7, "An annuity provides financial protection against the risk of living too long or of being without sufficient assets during retirement." While an annuity may guarantee lifetime income, there is no guarantee that it will provide sufficient assets during retirement. Thus, pursuant to Rule 2210 (d)(1)(B), to avoid a misleading presentation, the sentence must be revised or deleted.

Prospectus Offering Statement Issues

1. The prospectus offer on page 2 does not offer a prospectus for the variable insurance product as required by SEC Rule 482 and, hence, the material must be revised. For additional guidance, we refer you to the Federal Register Vol. 68 No. 193, page 57766, where it states that a variable insurance product advertisement should direct investors to both the contract prospectus and the underlying fund prospectuses. Currently, the prospectus offering suggests that the reader only consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses of the underlying investment option, not the *variable*

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product.

2. The prospectus offer is incomplete contrary to SEC Rule 482(b)(1)(i), as it does not identify a source from which an investor may obtain a prospectus. Please revise accordingly.

An Immediate Income Annuity Review

Pursuant to Rule 2210 (d)(1)(A), we offer the following comments:

1. The descriptions of the different annuities in the "Types of Income Annuities" are incomplete, as material information is omitted from the presentation. Specifically, there is no mention of any death benefit. Thus, to provide a sound basis for evaluation, the material must be revised to address these issues.

- 2. To provide balance, the presentation must be expanded to include the insurance-related fees and charges associated with investing in annuities on page 11.
- 3. Given that the presentation illustrates the concept of tax-deferred investing and solicits interests in variable annuities, to provide a fair and balanced presentation, the material must be revised to disclose that annuities do not provide any tax deferral advantage over other types of investments offered through qualified plans or IRAs.

Prospectus Offering Statement Issues

1. The prospectus offer on page 2 does not offer a prospectus for the variable insurance product as required by SEC Rule 482 and, hence, the material must be revised. For additional guidance, we refer you to the Federal Register Vol. 68 No. 193, page 57766, where it states that a variable insurance product advertisement should direct investors to both the contract prospectus and the underlying fund prospectuses. Currently, the prospectus offering suggests that the reader only consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses of the underlying investment option, not the *variable product*.

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2. The prospectus offer is incomplete contrary to SEC Rule 482(b)(1)(i), as it does not identify a source from which an investor may obtain a prospectus. Please revise accordingly.

A Traditional IRA/Roth IRA Review

Pursuant to Rule 2210 (d)(1)(A), to provide a sound basis for evaluation and a balanced presentation, we offer the following comments:

- 1. The hypothetical illustrations on pages 6, 7 and 9 should be revised to disclose that rates will vary over time, particularly for long-term investments.
- 2. The underlying assumptions used to calculate the "Annual After-Tax Distribution" in the chart on page 9 must be provided.
- 3. The material must be revised to include the risks of investing. Specifically, the material should disclose that an investor may lose money.

Finally, we note that the material includes a prospectus offer for a variable annuity on page 2. Given that the material does not discuss variable annuities, to avoid a misunderstanding pursuant to IM-2210-1 (3), the prospectus offer should be deleted from the presentation.

A Tax-Deferred Annuity (TDA) Review

Pursuant to Rule 2210 (d)(1)(A), to provide a sound basis for evaluation and a balanced presentation, we offer the following comments:

- 1. The hypothetical illustrations on pages 6 and 8 should be revised to disclose that rates will vary over time, particularly for long-term investments.
- 2. The material must be revised to include the risks of investing. Specifically, the material should disclose that an investor may lose money.

Finally, we note that the material includes a prospectus offer for a variable annuity on page 2. Given that the material does not discuss variable annuities, to avoid a misunderstanding pursuant to IM-2210-1 (3), the prospectus offer should be deleted from the presentation.

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Understanding Annuities

Pursuant to Rule 2210 (d)(1)(B), we offer the following comments:

- 1. We note the statement on page 5, "An annuity provides financial protection against the risk of living too long or of being without sufficient assets during retirement." While an annuity may guarantee lifetime income, there is no guarantee that it will provide "sufficient" assets during retirement. Thus, to avoid a misleading presentation the sentence must be revised or deleted.
- 2. The prospectus offer on page 2 does not offer a prospectus for the variable insurance product as required by SEC Rule 482 and, hence, the material must be revised. For additional guidance, we refer you to the Federal Register Vol. 68 No. 193, page 57766, where it states that a variable insurance product advertisement should direct investors to both the contract prospectus and the underlying fund prospectuses. Currently, the prospectus offering suggests that the reader only consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses of the underlying investment option, not the *variable product*.

3. The prospectus offer is incomplete contrary to SEC Rule 482(b)(1)(i), as it does not identify a source from which an investor may obtain a prospectus. Please revise accordingly.

<u>A Lesson in Variable Annuities</u> <u>A Lesson in Fixed Interest and Indexed Annuities</u>

- 1. We note the statement on page 5, "An annuity provides financial protection against the risk of living too long or of being without sufficient assets during retirement." While an annuity may guarantee lifetime income, there is no guarantee that it will provide "sufficient" assets during retirement. Thus, pursuant to Rule 2210 (d)(1)(B), to avoid a misleading presentation the sentence must be revised or deleted.
- 2. The prospectus offer on page 2 does not offer a prospectus for the variable insurance product as required by SEC Rule 482 and, hence, the material must be revised. For additional guidance, we refer you to the Federal Register Vol. 68 No. 193, page 57766, where it states that a variable insurance product advertisement should direct investors to

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both the contract prospectus and the underlying fund prospectuses. Currently, the prospectus offering suggests that the reader only consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses of the underlying investment option, not the *variable product*.

3. The prospectus offer is incomplete contrary to SEC Rule 482(b)(1)(i), as it does not identify a source from which an investor may obtain a prospectus. Please revise accordingly.

A Deferred Fixed Interest and Indexed Annuity Review

We direct your attention to "The Power of Tax-Deferred Annuity Growth in Action" chart on page 9. To provide a sound basis for evaluation and a fair and balanced presentation pursuant to Rule 2210 (d)(1)(A), the chart must be revised to include the following information:

1. The chart must disclose, either directly beneath it or next to it, the existence of the mortality and expense charges, sales charges, and administrative fees typically found in annuities.

- 2. A legend accompanying the illustration should disclose that withdrawals prior to age 59 ¹/₂ are subject to a 10% tax penalty.
- 3. Disclosure that rates will vary over time, particularly for long-term investments.

Furthermore, material information regarding Equity Indexed Annuities is omitted from the presentation on page 10. Specifically, to provide a fair and balanced presentation also pursuant to Rule 2210 (d)(1)(A), the discussion must be revised to explain the risks associated with an equity indexed annuity. Furthermore, the following material information should be disclosed (i) an investment in an indexed annuity is not a stock market investment; and (ii) it is possible for an individual to lose money.

In addition, we note the statement on page 5, "An annuity provides financial protection against the risk of living too long or of being without sufficient assets during retirement." While an annuity may guarantee lifetime income, there is no guarantee that it will provide "sufficient" assets during retirement. Thus, pursuant to Rule 2210 (d)(1)(B), to avoid a misleading presentation the sentence must be revised or deleted.

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Finally, we note that the material includes a prospectus offer for a variable annuity on page 2. Given that the material does not discuss variable annuities, to avoid a misunderstanding pursuant to IM-2210-1 (3), the prospectus offer should be deleted from the presentation.

A Lesson in Indexed Annuities

- 1. We note that the material overwhelmingly emphasizes the benefits of equity indexed annuities, without discussing the risks associated with the product. Specifically, the material does not explain that an individual may lose money. Therefore, pursuant to Rule 2210 (d)(1)(A), to provide a fair and balanced presentation, the material must be revised to include the associated risks.
- 2. Pursuant to Rule 2210 (d)(1)(B) and IM-2210-1 (3), the unqualified reference to "protecting" in the statement on page 7, "An indexed annuity provides the opportunity to benefit from potential gains in the equity markets, while protecting your investment from loss of principal if equity market performance falls below a stated minimum interest rate" must be revised or deleted, as it is unwarranted and fails to reflect the inherent risks of investing.

- **3.** We note the statement on page 5, "An annuity provides financial protection against the risk of living too long or of being without sufficient assets during retirement." While an annuity may guarantee lifetime income, there is no guarantee that it will provide "sufficient" assets during retirement. Thus, pursuant to Rule 2210 (d)(1)(B), to avoid a misleading presentation the sentence must be revised or deleted.
- **4.** We note that the material includes a prospectus offer for a variable annuity on page 2. Given that the material does not discuss variable annuities, to avoid a misunderstanding pursuant to IM-2210-1 (3), the prospectus offer should be deleted from the presentation.

A "Stretch IRA Review"

The discussion of "Stretch IRAs" is incomplete, as it does not provide the reader with a sound basis for evaluating the strategy. Specifically, the IRS program under which designated beneficiaries are able to inherit or "stretch" distributions is complex. We note that the discussion

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does not (i) explain all of the factors that may impact the ability to "stretch" funds; (ii) disclose that the investment used to fund the IRA may also have certain tax limitations or withdrawal restrictions; (iii) discuss any eligibility requirements, additional costs, or timing factors that may affect the ability to stretch or liquidate an account; (iv) disclose the tax assumptions (i.e. "Stretching" is based upon current tax law. If these laws change in the future, an investor's ability to maintain estimated distributions may be effected); or (v) provide language to the effect that lengthy distribution periods expose an investor to significant market risk. Therefore, pursuant to Rule 2210 (d)(1)(A), the material must be revised to address these concerns. For additional guidance regarding Stretch IRAs, please refer to the Regulatory and Compliance Alert (RCA), "Compliance Focus: Disclosure in "Stretch IRA" Sales Material" Summer 2001, and NASD Investor Alert "Stretch IRAs-Too Much of a Stretch For You?" August, 2001, located at <u>www.nasd.com</u>.

Finally, we note that the material includes a prospectus offer for a variable annuity on page 2. Given that the material does not discuss variable annuities, to avoid a misunderstanding pursuant to IM-2210-1 (3), the prospectus offer should be deleted from the presentation.

A Reverse Mortgage Review

We note the repeated statement, "Reverse mortgages are expensive if the loan is repaid within a few years of closing" is not clearly explained. Thus, pursuant to IM-2210-1 (3), the material must be revised to address this concern.

A Corporate Insured Stock Redemption Buy-Sell Plan
An Insured Section 303 Stock Redemption Plan
A Business Split-Dollar Life Insurance Plan
A Charitable Trust Review
A Lesson in Charitable Giving
Charitable Gifts of Life Insurance
Do You Still Have Enough Life Insurance?

1. We note that a prospectus offer for variable life insurance is located on page 2; however, there is no discussion specifically relating to variable life in the presentation. Therefore, pursuant to Rule 2210 (d)(1)(A) to provide a sound basis for evaluation and a balanced

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presentation, the material must be revised to address this concern.

- 2. The prospectus offer does not offer a prospectus for the variable insurance product as required by SEC Rule 482 and, hence, the material must be revised. For additional guidance, we refer you to the Federal Register Vol. 68 No. 193, page 57766, where it states that a variable insurance product advertisement should direct investors to both the contract prospectus and the underlying fund prospectuses. Currently, the prospectus offering suggests that the reader only consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses of the underlying investment option, not the *variable product*.
- 3. The prospectus offer is incomplete contrary to SEC Rule 482(b)(1)(i), as it does not identify a source from which an investor may obtain a prospectus. Please revise accordingly.

Alternatively, if variable life insurance is not a product targeted with this presentation, to avoid a misunderstanding pursuant to IM-2210-1 (3), the prospectus offer should be deleted.

Sincerely,

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Stephanie A. Gregory Senior Analyst

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