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May 2, 2007

Clerk of the Court
United States District Court for the District of New Jersey
Mitchell H. Cohen Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse
1 John F. Gerry Plaza
Camden, NJ 08101

Re: Commodity Futures Trading Commission vs. Equity Financial Group, LLC, Tech Traders, Inc., Tech Traders, Ltd., Magnum Investments, Ltd., Magnum Capital Investments, Ltd., Vincent J. Firth, Robert W. Shimer, Coyt E. Murray, and J. Vernon Abernethy

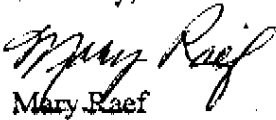
Civil Action No.: 04CV 1512

Gentlemen:

This letter is in response to the Notice of Motion we received. After losing a great deal of our savings in the stock market, we invested what was left in Strategic Investment Portfolio, LLC, and almost immediately the above lawsuit was started.

Since then we have subsisted on Social Security and a small pension my husband has. It was necessary for us to take out a Home Equity Line of Credit just to pay our bills. Needless to say, we are eagerly awaiting the return of what is left of our lifetime savings.

Sincerely,


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