## [JONES DAY LETTERHEAD]

March 27, 2009

Mr. Andrew Mew Accounting Branch Chief Securities and Exchange Commission Division of Corporation Finance 100 F Street, N.E. Mailstop 3561 Washington, D.C. 20549

Re: FOIA Confidential Treatment Request

Mr. Mew:

Reference is made to the letter, dated March 26, 2009, from Jones Day, on behalf of Macy's, Inc. (" Macy's"), to the Division of Corporation Finance supplementally providing certain information to the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the letter and supplemental information being referred to collectively as the "Submission"). The Submission is enclosed.

Pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 83 (17 C.F.R. § 200.83) (" Rule 83"), adopted under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), Macy's hereby requests confidential treatment under the FOIA of all information contained and statements made in the Submission. Any notices or communications concerning this request for confidential treatment should be directed to:

Macy's, Inc. 7 West Seventh Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Attn: Dennis J. Broderick, Esq. Senior Vice President,

General Counsel and Secretary

Telephone: (513) 579-7000 Telecopy: (513) 579-7354

with a copy to:

Mark E. Betzen Jones Day 2727 N. Harwood Street Dallas, Texas 75201 Telephone: (214) 969-3704

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Because the Submission for which Macy's is seeking confidential treatment is not required to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, no other statute or Securities and Exchange Commission rule or procedure exists for according confidential treatment in connection with the Submission. As required by Rule 83, each page of the Submission has been marked "Confidential Treatment Requested by Macy's, Inc." In addition, the pages of the Submission have all been marked with Macy's three-letter code, which is "MAC," and have been sequentially numbered beginning with 0010001 through 0010011. A copy of this request (but not the Submission) has been sent to the Commission's Office of Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Operations.

If you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (214) 969-3704.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Mark E.

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## **Enclosures**

cc: (w/o encl.)

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# CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT REQUESTED BY MACY'S, INC. MAC 0010001

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March 27, 2009

Mr. Andrew Mew Accounting Branch Chief Securities and Exchange Commission Division of Corporation Finance 100 F Street, N.E. Mailstop 3561 Washington, D.C. 20549

Re: Macy's, Inc.

Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended February 2, 2008

Filed April 1, 2008

Form 10-Q for the Fiscal Quarters Ended May 3, 2008, August 2, 2008, and November 1, 2008

Form 8-K, filed November 12, 2008

File Number 1-13536

## Dear Mr. Mew:

Reference is made to the letter, dated March 26, 2009, from Jones Day, on behalf of Macy's, Inc. (" Macy's" or the "Company"), to the Division of Corporation Finance responding to the requests of the staff (the " Staff") of the Securities and Exchange Commission for additional information made in a conference call held on March 26, 2009.

The Staff is supplementally provided with the following:

(1) a sensitivity analysis related to the Company's estimated weighted average cost of capital used in connection with its goodwill impairment analysis, specifically related to adding 1.5% of Company specific risk;

- (2) transactions reviewed in connection with the determination of the control premium for the Company used in connection with its goodwill impairment analysis; and
- (3) selected stock market price data for January 2009.

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The Staff will be provided with documentation prepared by [redacted] regarding the methodology that it uses in connection with determinations of weighted average cost of capital in connection with goodwill impairment analyses supplementally, under separate cover, as soon as the Company is able to do so.

Please note that the sensitivity analysis referred to in item (1) above was prepared solely at the request of the Staff. Such an analysis was not requested by the Company in connection with the valuation of the Company's goodwill as of January 31, 2009 because the discount rate used in such analysis (as described below) was significantly higher than that used by the Company as of earlier annual goodwill impairment testing dates and resulted in a reconciliation of the Company's discounted cash flows to the Company's market capitalization that is in line with the implied control premiums documented by the Company.

The Company reiterates that, as stated in the Company's February 24, 2009 press release and in the 2008 Form 10-K to be filed on April 1, 2009, the Company initially calculated the fair value of its reporting units by discounting their projected future cash flows to present value using the Company's estimated weighted average cost of capital as the discount rate and the fair value of each of the Company's Macy's reporting units exceeded its carrying value. However, the reconciliation of the fair value of the Company's reporting units to the Company's market capitalization resulted in an implied fair value substantially in excess of its market capitalization. In order to reconcile the discounted cash flows of the Company's reporting units to the trading value of the Company's common stock, the Company applied discount rates higher than the Company's estimated weighted average cost of capital to the projected cash flows of its reporting units and determined that the carrying value of each of the Company's reporting units exceeded its fair value at January 31, 2009, which resulted in all of the Company's reporting units failing the first step of the goodwill impairment test.

Once the higher discount rate was selected and utilized, and the reconciliation of the discounted cash flows to the Company's market capitalization resulted in a control premium in line with the control premiums documented by the Company, no additional sensitivity analyses were performed. The Company believes that the increase in the discount rates to levels higher than the Company's estimated weighted average cost of capital appropriately reflects a higher relevered equity beta and a higher equity risk premium, reflecting the overall changes in market risk, and negates the need for an additional Company-specific risk premium. Moreover, it should be noted that any changes to the discount rate utilized in the first step of the goodwill impairment testing process would also impact the valuation of the Company's tangible and intangible assets in the second step of the goodwill impairment testing process.

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Very truly yours,

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## **Enclosures**

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[Sensitivity analysis related to the Company's estimated weighted average cost of capital used in connection with its goodwill impairment analysis]

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[Transactions reviewed in connection with the determination of the control premium for the Company used in connection with its goodwill impairment analysis]

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[Selected stock price data for January 2009]

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