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3. Nature of conveyance:

- Assignment, Security Agreement, Other, Merger, Change of Name, Release & Termination of Collateral Assignment

Execution Date: Feb. 27, 2001

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)

Name: Ares Department Stores, Inc.

Internal Address:

Street Address: 2418 Main Street

City: Rocky Hill State: CT ZIP: 06067

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If assignee is not domiciled in the United States, a domestic representative designator is attached: Yes No

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A. Trademark Application No.(s)

B. Trademark Registration No.(s)

1,556,321 1,539,718

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5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

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1. Ames (Cl. 3, 5, 8, 23, 24)	September 12, 1989	1,556,321
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Dear Commissioner:

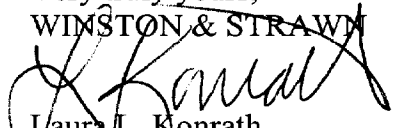
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Very truly yours,
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