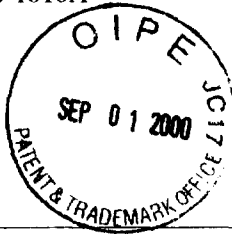


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Signature

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TRADEMARK AND TRADEMARK
APPLICATION SECURITY AGREEMENT

This Trademark and Trademark Application Security Agreement (the "TM Security Agreement") is made as of the 23rd day of August, 2000 by The White House, Inc., a Maryland corporation with its principal offices at 6711 Baymeadow Drive, Glen Burnie, Maryland 21060 (the "Borrower"), and Paragon Capital LLC, a Delaware limited liability company with its principal executive offices at Hillside Office Building, 75 Second Avenue, Suite 400, Needham, Massachusetts 02494 (the "Lender").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, pursuant to a certain loan arrangement between Borrower and Lender, evidenced by, among other documents, a certain Loan and Security Agreement dated as of August 23, 2000 (hereinafter, the "Loan Agreement"), made between the Borrower and the Lender, the Lender has agreed to make certain loans (hereinafter, the "Loans") available to the Borrower;

WHEREAS, under the Loan Agreement, the Borrower has granted a security interest in the Borrower's assets to secure the liabilities and obligations of the Borrower to the Lender (hereinafter, the "Liabilities");

WHEREAS, as a condition, among others, to the entering into of the credit facility contemplated by the Loan Agreement, and as to further secure the Liabilities, the parties hereto shall execute this TM Security Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are acknowledged, the Borrower and the Lender agree as follows:

1. To secure the Liabilities, the Borrower hereby grants a security interest in favor of the Lender, with power of sale, in and to the following and all proceeds thereof:

(a) All of the Borrower's now owned or existing or hereafter acquired or arising trademarks, trademark applications, service marks, registered service marks and service mark applications including, without limitation, the trademarks, registered trademarks, trademark applications, service marks, registered service marks and service

mark applications listed on *EXHIBIT A* annexed hereto and made a part hereof, together with any goodwill connected with and symbolized by any such trademarks, trademark applications, service marks, registered service marks or service mark applications.

(b) All renewals of any of the foregoing.

(c) All income, royalties, damages and payments now and hereafter due and/or payable under and with respect to any of the foregoing, including, without limitation, payments under all licenses entered into in connection therewith and damages and payments for past or future infringements or dilutions thereof.

(d) The right to sue for past, present and future infringements and dilutions of any of the foregoing.

(e) All of Borrower's rights corresponding to any of the foregoing throughout the world.

All of the foregoing trademarks, registered trademarks and trademark applications, and service marks, registered service marks and service mark applications described in Subsection 1.(a), together with the items respectively described in Subsections 1.(b) through and including 1.(e) are hereinafter individually and/or collectively referred to as the "**Trademarks**".

2. Until this TM Security Agreement is terminated, the Borrower shall undertake the following with respect to each Trademark:

(a) Pay all renewal fees and other fees and costs associated with maintaining the Trademarks and with the processing of the Trademarks.

(b) At Borrower's sole cost, expense, and risk, pursue the prompt, diligent, processing of each Application for Registration which is the subject of the foregoing assignment and not abandon or delay any such efforts if the Trademark which is the subject of the application has a material value or is material to the operation of the Borrower's business.

(c) At Borrower's sole cost, expense, and risk, take any and all action which Borrower deems desirable to protect the Trademarks, including, without limitation, but subject to Borrower's discretion, the prosecution and defense of infringement actions.

(d) At Borrower's sole cost, expense, and risk, register with the United States Trademark Office all unfiled trademarks created or purchased by the Borrower, as reasonably deemed appropriate by Borrower if the Trademark which is the subject of the application has a material value or is material to the operation of the Borrower's business.

3. In the event of
 - (a) any failure by the Borrower to perform any of its obligations set forth in Section 2, above; and/or
 - (b) the occurrence of any Event of Default (as defined in the Loan Agreement), the Lender acting in its own name or in that of the Borrower may (but shall not be required to) act in the Borrower's place and stead and/or in the Lender's own right in connection therewith.

4. The Borrower represents and warrants that:
 - (a) The Trademarks listed on *EXHIBIT A* include all of the registered trademarks, Federal trademark applications, registered service marks and Federal service mark applications now owned by the Borrower.
 - (b) No liens, claims or security interests have been granted by the Borrower to any person or entity in such Trademarks other than to the Lender or as otherwise permitted pursuant to the Loan Agreement.

5. In order to further secure the Liabilities:
 - (a) The Borrower shall give the Lender written notice (with reasonable detail) within ten (10) days following the occurrence of any of the following:
 - (i) The Borrower obtains rights to any new trademarks, registered service marks or service mark applications, service marks, registered service marks or service mark applications (other than Borrower's right to sell products containing the trademarks of others in the ordinary course of Borrower's business)
 - (ii) The Borrower becomes entitled to the benefit of any trademarks, registered trademarks, trademark applications, trademark licenses, trademark license renewals, service marks, registered service marks, service mark applications, service mark licenses or service mark license renewals whether as licensee or licensor (other than Borrower's right to sell products containing the trademarks of others in the ordinary course of Borrower's business).
 - (iii) The Borrower enters into any new trademark license agreement or service mark license agreement.
 - (b) The provisions of this TM Security Agreement shall automatically apply to any such additional property or rights described in 5.(a), above, all of which shall be deemed to be and treated as "Trademarks" within the meaning of this TM Security Agreement.

(c) The Borrower hereby authorizes the Lender to modify this agreement by amending *EXHIBIT A* to include any future trademarks, registered trademarks, trademark applications, service marks, registered service marks and service mark applications, written notice of which shall be given, provided, however, the modification of said *EXHIBIT* shall not be a condition to the creation or perfection of the security interest and TM Security Agreement created hereby.

6. Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, the Lender may exercise all rights and remedies of a secured party under the Uniform Commercial Code as adopted in Massachusetts (Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 106), with respect to the Trademarks, in addition to which the Lender, subject to the terms of the Loan Agreement, may sell, license, assign, transfer, or otherwise dispose of the Trademarks together with the goodwill with which it is associated. Any person may conclusively rely upon an affidavit of an officer of the Lender that an Event of Default has occurred and that the Lender is authorized to exercise such rights and remedies.

7. Effective upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, the Borrower hereby irrevocably constitutes and designates the Lender as and for the Borrower's attorney in fact:

- (a) To exercise any of the rights exercisable and powers referenced in Section 2.
- (b) To execute all and singular such instruments, documents, and papers as the Lender determines to be appropriate in connection with the exercise of such rights and remedies and to cause the sale, license, assignment, transfer, or other disposition of the Trademarks.

The within grant of a power of attorney, being coupled with an interest, shall be irrevocable until the within TM Security Agreement is terminated.

8. Any use by the Lender of the Trademarks as authorized hereunder in connection with the exercise of the Lender's right and remedies under the within TM Security Agreement and the Loan Agreement shall be coextensive with Borrower's rights thereunder and with respect thereto and without any liability for royalties or other related charges from the Lender to the Borrower.

9. Lender hereby grants to Borrower the right, prior to notice from the Lender following the occurrence of an Event of Default (as defined in the Loan Agreement), to sue for past, present and future infringement of the Trademarks including the right to seek injunctions

and/or money damages, in an effort by Borrower to protect the Trademarks against encroachment by third parties; provided, however, that Borrower first notifies Lender in writing of its intention to sue for enforcement of the trademarks against a particular party. All reasonable costs arising in connection with any infringement shall be borne by Borrower.

10. Following the payment and satisfaction of all Liabilities, and the termination of any obligation of the Lender to provide loans or financial accommodations under the credit facility contemplated by the Loan Agreement, this Assignment shall terminate and the Lender shall execute and deliver to Borrower all such instruments as the Borrower reasonably may request to re-vest in Borrower full title to the Trademarks and the associated goodwill, subject to any disposition thereof which may have been made by Lender pursuant hereto or pursuant to the Loan Agreement.

11. The Borrower shall, at the request of the Lender, do any and all acts and execute any and all documents required by the Lender in connection with the protection, preservation, and enforcement of the Lender's rights hereunder.

12. The Borrower shall, upon demand, reimburse the Lender for all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by the Lender in the exercise of any rights hereunder (including, without limitation, reasonable fees and expenses of counsel).

13. This TM Security Agreement is intended to be supplemental of the Loan Agreement. All provisions of the Loan Agreement shall apply to the Trademarks and the Lender shall have the same rights with respect to any and all Trademarks granted the Lender to secure the Liabilities hereunder as thereunder. In the event of a conflict between this TM Security Agreement and the Loan Agreement, the terms of this TM Security Agreement shall control with respect to the Trademarks, and the Loan Agreement shall control with respect to all other collateral.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Borrower and the Lender respectively have caused this
TM Security Agreement to be executed by officers duly authorized so to do on the date first
above written.

(The "Borrower")

THE WHITE HOUSE, INC.

By: 

Name: R. SARMIENTO

Title: Pres. & CEO

(The "Lender")

PARAGON CAPITAL LLC

By: 

Name: Robert J. Shusterman

Title: EVP

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EXHIBIT A

Trademark Applications

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Mark</u>	<u>Serial No.</u>	International <u>Class(es)</u>	Publication <u>Date</u>
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The White House, Inc.

Trademarks

Application Name: The White House, White House Black Market

Application #: #1518965, #1518965;2047169

Date: 1/15/1999, 1/14/1999

US Patent & Trademark Office

Application Name: Black Market

Application #: 2,047,169

Expiration: 3/24/2007

Goods: Clothing for women, dresses and pants, jackets, lingerie, tops, skirts and shorts

US Trademark Office