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EXHIBIT A

RELEASE OF SECURITY INTEREST IN TRADEMARKS

WHEREAS, FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK, as Administrative Agent (the "Administrative Agent"), with offices at One First Union Center, 301 South College Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28288-1139 holds a security interest in certain intellectual property assets of FITCH, INC., (the "Pledgor") pursuant to a Pledge and Security Agreement (as amended, modified, restated or supplemented from time to time, the "Security Agreement"), dated as of July 8, 1999; and

WHEREAS, the Grant of Security Interest, attached hereto as Exhibit A, given in conjunction with the security interest granted to the Administrative Agent under the Security Agreement was recorded with the United State Patent and Trademark Office;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the Pledgor's satisfaction of its obligations under the Credit Agreement referred to in the Security Agreement, the Administrative Agent hereby releases, transfers and assigns unto the Pledgor, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to all of Pledgor's registered trademarks and applications therefor as set forth in the Security Agreement and as listed in Schedule A to Exhibit A attached hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Secured Party, by its duly authorized officer, has executed this Release on this 1st day of September, 2000.

FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK, as Administrative Agent

By: Douglas A. Nickel
Vice President

| State of North Carolina | |
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| County of |) SS:) |
| County and State, person | ay of September, 2000, before me, a Notary Public in and for the above nally appeared the above named Douglas A. Nickel, personally known to me execution of the foregoing assignment as a free act and deed for the |
| | Notary Public |

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GRANT OF SECURITY INTEREST IN TRADEMARKS

WHEREAS, FITCH INC., (the "Pledgor") is the owner of the trademarks and service marks listed on Schedule A attached hereto, which marks are registered or have pending registrations in the United States Patent and Trademark Office as set forth on Schedule A attached hereto (all such trademarks, service marks, registrations and applications, collectively, the "Trademarks"); and

WHEREAS, the Pledgor has entered into a Pledge and Security Agreement (as amended, modified, restated or supplemented from time to time, the "Security Agreement"), dated as of July 8, 1999, in which the Pledgor has agreed with First Union National Bank, as Administrative Agent (the "Administrative Agent"), with offices at One First Union Center, 301 South College Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28288-1139, to execute this Assignment;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, as security for the payment and performance of the Secured Obligations (as defined in the Security Agreement), the Pledgor does hereby grant to the Administrative Agent a security interest in all of its right, title and interest in and to the Trademarks, and the use thereof, together with all proceeds and products thereof and the goodwill of the businesses symbolized by the Trademarks. This Grant of Security Interest has been given in conjunction with the security interest granted to the Administrative Agent under the Security Agreement, and the provisions of this Grant of Security Interest are without prejudice to and in addition to the provisions of the Security Agreement, which are incorporated herein by this reference.

FITCH INC.

By:

Tim Donmoyer, Vice President

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I. <u>U.S. TRADEMARK REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS</u>

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II. U.S. TRADEMARK REGISTRATIONS

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