Letter to the United States Attorney in Cases Handled by that Office where Payment is Due the United States Pursuant to Settlement

Attention:

Re:

Your file:

This refers to your letter of ______, transmitting an offer submitted by the proponent to compromise [the aboveentitled case(s)] [the Government's claim asserted in the above entitled case(s) [against ______ for [_______ tax(es)] [§ 6672 penalty with respect to (name of corporation) _____] for the period _____] for the period _____] for the period _____] which is the subject of the settlement) _____]] on the basis of

This is to advise you that the offer has been accepted on behalf of the Attorney General [on condition that payment be made within 30 days from the date of your notification to proponent] [and] [with the understanding that (no part of the payment is deductible for federal income tax purposes) (this settlement does not constitute a compromise of the tax liability of (name of taxpayer) _____)]. 1/

Please advise the proponent of this action and secure [a] cashier's or certified check(s) payable to the "Internal Revenue Service" and bearing a notation as to the taxpayer's [social security number] [identification number]. [The] [Each] check should be direct deposited by your office for transfer to the Internal Revenue Service account. This office should be advised immediately in the event of any default. [Please advise the proponent that the income tax returns, annual statements of income, and payments required under the collateral agreement should be sent to the Internal Revenue Service, (P.O. Box ____,) (address)

1/ Ideally, the timing of payment should be covered in the offer, and, if not in the offer, in the acknowledgement letter. There is a danger in imposing a condition to the acceptance, since, in effect, it constitutes a counteroffer and, thus, there may not be a binding contract. On the other hand, if the timing of the payment is not covered in the offer or by a condition of acceptance, payment may not be made until some time in the distant future. Generally, payment should be required within 30 days. Similarly, it is preferable that the matter of nondeductibility of the payment be resolved by the acknowledgement letter.

(city)	(state)	(zip	code)	/	
attention:]				

[Upon receipt of the total amount due, you are authorized to execute a stipulation for dismissal of the [case(s)] [Government's claim described above] with prejudice, each party to bear its own costs including any attorneys' fees or other expenses of litigation. Please send this office a copy of the fully executed stipulation.] [The Internal Revenue Service will [release the lien(s) against (name of taxpayer) for the[tax(es)] [penalty] at issue in this case] [discharge (describe fund or property involved) from the lien(s) against (name of taxpayer) for the [tax(es)] [penalty] at issue in this case].] 2/

Sincerely yours,

[NAME OF ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL] Assistant Attorney General Tax Division

By:

[NAME OF CHIEF OF SECTION] Chief, _____ Section _____ Region

cc: District Counsel Special Procedures

 $[\]underline{2}$ / A lien should be released only when the tax liability is going to be totally extinguished as the result of the settlement. On the other hand, property should be discharged from the lien when the lien will no longer attach to that property as the result of the settlement, but will otherwise remain in full force and effect.

^{3/} See footnote 2.