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Mr. Vinod Gupta Chairman American Business Information P.O. Box 27347 Omaha, NE 68127-0347

Dear Vin:

This is to confirm that contingent on your completion of the agreement with Polk, Berkshire Hathaway will purchase \$80 million of a proposed \$110 million preferred stock with a coupon of 10% and a conversion price of \$9.

Sinccrely,

Warren E. Buffett

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