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infoUSA Responds to Dolphin

OMAHA, Neb. April 27, 2006 infoUSA (Nasdaq:IUSA) today responded to a press release issued by Dolphin Limited Partnership I, L.P. (Dolphin) and its principal, Donald T. Netter.

Dolphin is a private investment arbitrage fund that was originally bankrolled by entities controlled by Mr. Netter's father and is itself now controlled by Mr. Netter. Dolphin is soliciting proxies so that Mr. Netter and an associate may vote the shares of other infoUSA shareholders for nominees selected by Dolphin in opposition to three of infoUSA's incumbent Directors its founder, CEO and largest shareholder, the chair of its Audit Committee, and the chair of its Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Since Dolphin and Mr. Netter are advancing their candidates to remedy what they label a lack of oversight by the Board, we think that the fact that Mr. Netter served as an officer and director of a publicly held corporation while it engaged in massive Medicare fraud is one of the factors that infoUSA shareholders should carefully consider when choosing between the two slates of Directors.

Since the stated agenda of Dolphin and Mr. Netter in engaging in this proxy contest is to remedy a purported lack of oversight by our Board, then the following information is neither absurd nor irrelevant:

The only time that Mr. Netter has held any leadership position at a publicly-held company not affiliated with his family was when he served as a director and officer of Damon Corp.ⁱ

Mr. Netter and other parties initiated a hostile takeover of Damon Corp. and assumed control of the company in 1989.ⁱⁱ

During the period Mr. Netter served as a member of the Board of Directors and held high-level executive positions at Damon Corp., including treasurer,ⁱⁱⁱ Damon Corp. engaged in a massive Medicare fraud.^{iv}

As a result of a Department of Justice investigation of Medicare fraud, Damon Corp. paid \$119 million in criminal fines and civil settlements.^v

At the time, the \$119 million was the largest fine ever for a healthcare fraud case.^{vi}

According to newspaper reports, the federal prosecutor involved in the case described the fraud as corporate greed run amok.ⁱⁱ

Mr. Netter and the other Damon directors failed to disclose to investigators and shareholders evidence of Medicare billing irregularities they discovered during an internal investigation.^{viii}

Soon after Mr. Netter left the Damon Board of Directors in 1993, Dolphin Partners was formed.

infoUSA urges its shareholders to act now to protect the value of their investments in infoUSA by voting FOR infoUSA's nominees on the WHITE proxy card. infoUSA believes that electing the dissident slate would be disruptive to the implementation of the Company's strategic plan and could impair shareholder value. The infoUSA Board also urges shareholders to vote AGAINST shareholder proposal number 2.

Shareholders who have any questions about voting shares or need additional assistance, please contact Mackenzie Partners, the firm assisting infoUSA in the solicitation of proxies, toll free at (800) 322-2885.

i To infoUSA's knowledge, Mr. Netter is or has been a director of three public companies: Damon Corp., The Aristotle Corporation and Independence Holding Company. Source: Dolphin's Schedule 14A, filed May 19, 2003. The Netter family's affiliations with IHC are described above. Geneve Corporation, a privately held company controlled by the Netter family, beneficially owns over 90% of The Aristotle Corporation's common stock. Source: The Aristotle Corporation's Schedule 14A, filed July 27, 2005.

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Turned Over to
the Feds,
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