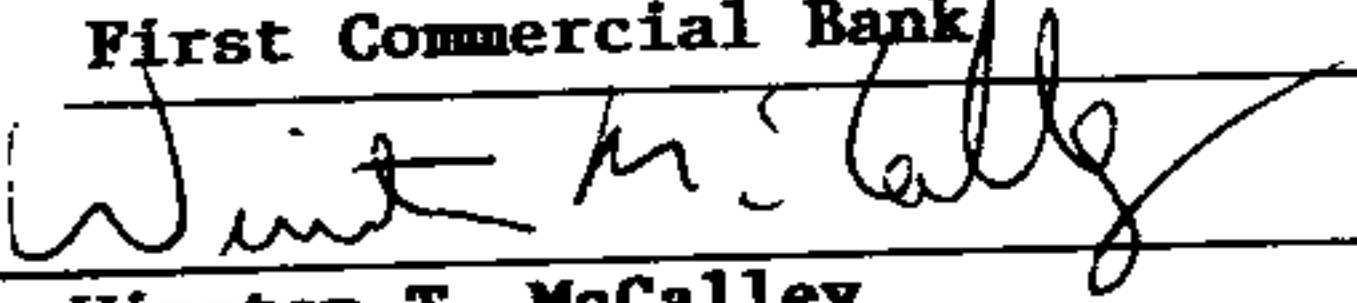


SATISFACTION AND RELEASE OF MORTGAGE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that the undersigned acknowledges full payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain real estate mortgage executed by Sterling Companies, LLC, as mortgagor(s), under date of September 26, 1997 which mortgage was recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama, in Inst # 1997-34711 (and assigned to the undersigned by instrument recorded in _____), and, as owner of said mortgage, does hereby release, satisfy and discharge said mortgage.

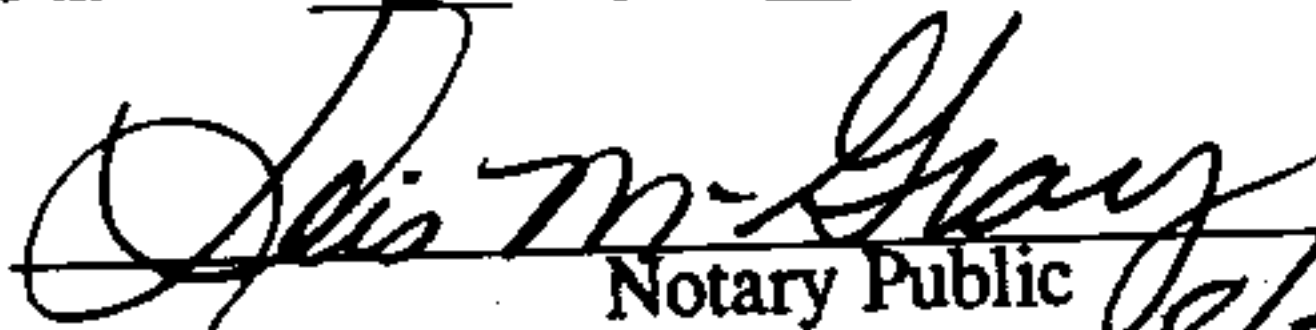
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this instrument to be executed by its duly authorized officer on this the 4th day of March, 1999.

By First Commercial Bank

Winston T. McCalley
Its First Vice President (Title)

STATE OF ALABAMA)
JEFFERSON COUNTY)

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that Winston T. McCalley, whose name as First Vice President of the First Commercial Bank, a banking corporation or banking association, is signed to the foregoing instrument and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this date that, being informed of the contents of the instrument he/she, as such officer and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of said banking corporation or banking association.

Given under my hand and official seal this the 4th day of March, 1999,


Notary Public
My Commission expires: 8/27/2002

[NOTARIAL SEAL]

This instrument was prepared by:
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