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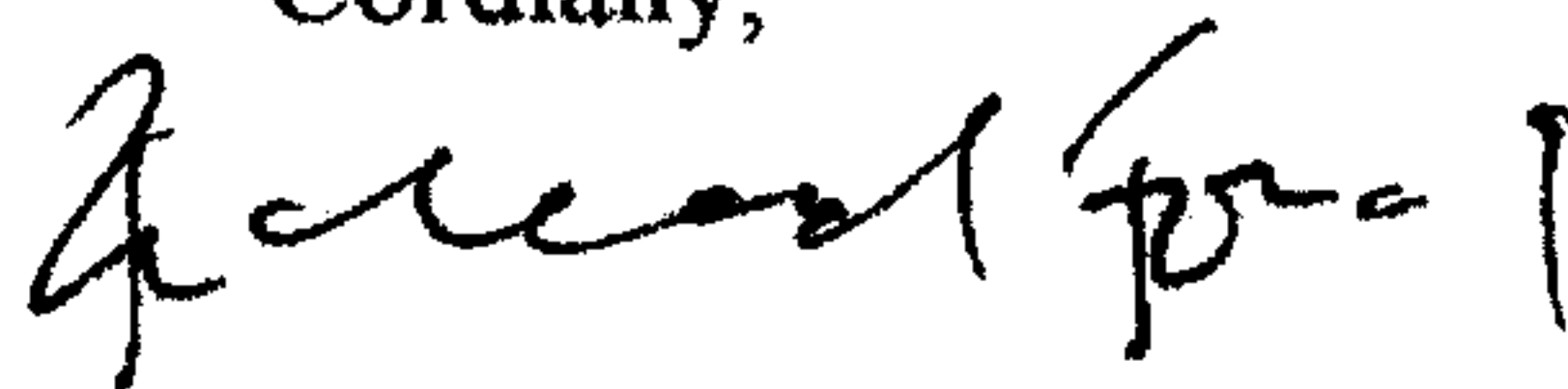
May 8, 2002

Board of Directors
The Galatoire Corporation
New Orleans, LA.

Dear Sirs:

I'm writing as a long-time and happy customer of Galatoire's, and particularly as a regular and loyal customer of Mr. Gilbert Eyzaguirre's. I'm aware that Gilbert's employment with your restaurant has been ended, and I simply want to say that he is much missed by myself and by my wife, Kristina Ford. Galatoire's is a wonderful place, made all the moreso by being waited on by Gilbert, these years. I know the urge to modernize your business practices is irresistible and in many instances inevitable. But I hope that you will reconsider Gilbert's long employment – a life's employment, really – and reinstate him. His good and personable relations with his customers is, and has been, a strong and traditional element in the pleasure we take from our meals at Galatoire's. Surely, after twenty two years of his life being a good ambassador for Galatoire's to the world, there is still room for him there. His absence is a distinct loss, both (I think) to his customers and to the experience of being at Galatoire's.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Ford".

Richard Ford