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James C. Morgan
CHAIRMAN
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February 15, 2002

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James C. Morgan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

James C. Morgan

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To: All Employees
From: Jim Morgan
Subject: 2002 Proxy Materials
Date: February 15, 2002

I am pleased to advise you that in connection with our March 21, 2002 Annual Meeting, the Company's 2001 Annual Report, Form 10-K for fiscal 2001 and 2002 Proxy Statement are now available to you electronically. You may view and/or print these documents by clicking on the link below or by visiting the Company's Web site at the following address: http://www.appliedmaterials.com/financial/annual_proxy.html

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