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Blockbuster Inc.

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On May 3, 2005, Mr. Icahn issued a press release attached hereto as Exhibit A, and he is sending a letter to stockholders of Blockbuster Inc. with the text of the press release, which is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

SECURITY HOLDERS ARE ADVISED TO READ THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATED TO SOLICITATION OF PROXIES BY MR. ICAHN AND HIS AFFILIATES FROM THE STOCKHOLDERS OF BLOCKBUSTER INC. FOR USE AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING. THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT IS AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE AT THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION'S WEBSITE AT [HTTP://WWW.SEC.GOV](http://www.sec.gov).

EXHIBIT A

For Immediate Release  
Contact: Susan Gordon, (212) 702-4309

ICAHN ANNOUNCES THAT ISS RECOMMENDS NOT VOTING BLOCKBUSTER  
MANAGEMENT'S WHITE PROXY CARD

ISS RECOMMENDS VOTING THE ICAHN GOLD CARD FOR BLEIER AND ZELNICK

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EXHIBIT B

CARL C. ICAHN  
767 FIFTH AVENUE - 47TH FLOOR  
NEW YORK, NY 10153

May 3, 2005

Dear Fellow Blockbuster Stockholder:

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Very truly yours,

Carl Icahn

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IMPORTANT

Please sign, date and return the enclosed GOLD proxy card today in the postage-paid envelope provided. Do not sign any proxy card that you may receive or have received from Blockbuster. You may also revoke any proxy you previously signed and submitted by signing, dating and returning the enclosed GOLD proxy

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card.

If you have any questions, or need assistance in voting your shares, please contact the firm assisting us in the solicitation of proxies:

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New York, NY 10005  
Call Toll-Free: 1-800-431-9645  
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