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IN THE MATTER OF
TRANS-AMERICAN COLLECTIONS, INC., ET AL.

CONSENT ORDER, ETC., IN REGARD TO THE ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THE
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION ACT

Docket 8901. Complaint Oct. 16, 1972—Decision, Sept. 26, 1973.*

Consent order requiring a Bloomington, Illinois, seller of debt collection services, among other things to cease using materials which simulate telegraphic communications; using materials which misrepresent the nature, content or purpose of any communication; threatening debt collection suits, not in good faith; failing to include a notice to the effect that communications are only a reminder notice and that respondent, Trans-American, cannot accept monies nor will it take any action regarding this claim; and furnishing to others means and instrumentalities of misrepresentation or deception.

Appearances

For the Commission: *Leroy M. Yarnoff, Frederick D. Clements and Thomas S. Westhoff.*

For the respondents: *Wald, Harkrader & Ross*, Washington, D.C. and *Glickfield & Graves*, Marion, Indiana.

COMPLAINT

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Trade Commission Act, and by virtue of the authority vested in it by said Act, the Federal Trade Commission, having reason to believe that Trans-American Collections, Inc., a corporation, and Wayne E. Martin and Eleanor G. Martin, individually and as officers of said corporation, hereinafter referred to as respondents, have violated the provisions of said Act, and it appearing to the Commission that a proceeding by it in respect

*The complaint is reported as amended by the administrative law judge's order of January 9, 1973.

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or any other change in the corporations which may affect compliance obligations arising out of the order.

It is further ordered, That the respondents herein shall within sixty (60) days after service upon them of this order, file with the Commission a report, in writing, setting forth in detail the manner and form in which they have complied with this order.

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