



ITEM 8. CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR

Host Marriott announced on December 30, 1998 that it had completed the final steps in its conversion to a real estate investment trust ("REIT") and positioned the company to elect REIT status effective January 1, 1999. The US Federal Tax Code requires REITs to file their US Federal Income Tax Return on a calendar year basis. Accordingly, the company has changed its fiscal year to end on December 31 for both financial and tax reporting requirements. Previously the company's fiscal year was 52 weeks or 53 weeks and ended on the Friday closest to December 31. The company will first report this change on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1998.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

HOST MARRIOTT CORPORATION

By: /s/ Donald D. Olinger

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Donald D. Olinger  
Senior Vice President and  
Corporate Controller

Date: January 15, 1999