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“WHAT’S IN THE BOX?”
VISIT THE MELROSE HOTELS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND DALLAS AND GUESS
CORRECTLY TO WIN SPECIAL HOLIDAY GIFTS

*-- Also, bring a new children’s book to The Library Bar and receive a complimentary eggnog;
books to be donated to local children’s organizations --*

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. – (December 1, 2004) – Half the fun of receiving holidays gifts is trying to guess “What’s in the box?” It’s why gift shops sell loads of wrapping paper every holiday season. Wouldn’t it be great if you were actually rewarded for guessing right?

John J. DePaul thinks so. DePaul is president and chief executive officer of The Melrose Hotel Company. Both the Washington, D.C. and Dallas properties will get into the holiday spirit this year by displaying large, elaborately wrapped gift boxes in the hotel lobby. Guests and visitors of the hotel will be invited to guess “What’s in the Box?” The hotel’s general managers will provide clues as to the contents each week. Those who guess correctly will receive a special gift this holiday season, compliments of The Melrose Hotel Company.

Additionally, patrons of The Library Bar, serving cocktails and light fare at all Melrose Hotel properties, are being asked to donate a new children’s book and in return, they will receive a complimentary glass of eggnog. Each property will select a children’s organization to which the books will be donated.

“The holidays are a time of joy, excitement and giving,” said DePaul. “It’s been a great year for all of us at The Melrose Hotel Company and the holiday season provides the perfect opportunity to have some fun with those people who have made the year such a success - - and also give back to our communities.”

The holiday promotions will kick-off in Washington, D.C. and Dallas on Wednesday, December 1st.

About The Melrose Hotel Company

A subsidiary of Berwind Property Group, Ltd., Philadelphia, The Melrose Hotel Company was established in 2000 with the purchase of the historic Melrose Hotel in Dallas, Texas. The

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company continues steady growth with several subsequent acquisitions, including The Melrose Hotel, Washington D.C., The Melrose Hotel, New York City and The Westin Columbus in Columbus, OH. For more information or to make a reservation, visit www.melrosehotel.com.

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