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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Computer Associates International, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Computer Associates"), is filing the materials contained in this Schedule 14A with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 2, 2001 in connection with the solicitation of proxies for electing the board of directors of Computer Associates at the 2001 annual meeting of Computer Associates' stockholders.

THE FOLLOWING LETTER WAS POSTED ON COMPUTER ASSOCIATES' WEBSITE ON JULY 2, 2001 AND WAS PUBLISHED IN THE JULY 2, 2001 EDITIONS OF THE WALL STREET JOURNAL AND NEWSDAY, AND WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE JULY 3, 2001 EDITIONS OF THE NEW YORK TIMES, FINANCIAL TIMES (IN THE UNITED STATES AND ASIA) AND THE ASIAN WALL STREET JOURNAL:

AN OPEN LETTER TO
COMPUTER ASSOCIATES'
SHAREHOLDERS, CUSTOMERS AND EMPLOYEES

Dear Friends of CA:

By now, most of you know that Sam Wyly has launched a fight for control of Computer Associates. He has said he wants to replace CA's board and management and split CA into four companies. We think this is a bad idea for CA customers, employees, and shareholders. What's more, Mr. Wyly's outrageous statements and meritless claims are damaging to CA.

We will soon be filing proxy materials with additional information for your consideration, but we feel we must address Mr. Wyly's most outrageous and misleading statements now.

First, customer relations. Mr. Wyly is using deeply flawed, self-serving research to mislead you about CA's customer satisfaction levels. His attack is insulting to our hard working employees and to the intelligence of our thousands of customers.

A highly respected independent industry research firm--Gartner Research--has already publicly criticized the validity and methodology of Mr. Wyly's research. For many years, as part of our effort to understand our customers' needs, we have conducted our own research through GuideStar Communications, another highly respected firm. The GuideStar research shows that Mr. Wyly's numbers are wrong and his accusations are unsupportable.

The GuideStar research also shows that our customer satisfaction ratings increased significantly in 2000, and we expect they will continue to rise as customers enjoy the flexibility provided by our new business model, which was introduced in October 2000. Are we perfect? No. But we haven't grown to be the world's third largest independent software firm by ignoring our customers. We

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recognize that customer satisfaction is paramount to our success and we are dedicated to continuing to earn customer loyalty and trust. In the last few years alone, we have put more than 650 people in the field, whose sole job it is to make sure that our customer satisfaction is the best it can be, rather than having to focus on meeting specific sales goals.

As for employees, we are proud of our people and the work environment at CA. Consider Mr. Wyly's own words in his March 30, 2000 letter to employees when he sold Sterling to CA. Then, he wrote: "CA is a good place to work. CA has some great benefits not available before." CA provides its 18,000+ employees with one of the most competitive benefits packages in the industry, offering education reimbursement, premium health benefits and on-site day care. Do we demand high performance? Yes. CA is an aggressive, demanding place to work, but it also offers tremendous entrepreneurial opportunity. One of the undersigned, CA's President and CEO Sanjay Kumar, is an excellent example, having joined CA as a software developer 14 years ago.

As for investors, we are proud of what CA has done for you. Yes, we had a bad quarter last year like many software companies. But that can't erase our track record. Since our IPO, the return on CA stock has been nearly 13,000%. And if you invested in CA on January 2, 2001--in what continues to be a difficult environment for the technology industry--your stock would be up more than 65%. How many software companies can say that?

Since Mr. Wyly launched his attack, we've received many expressions of support from all of CA's constituencies. We thank each and every one of you for the encouragement. Rest assured, we intend to stay focused on continuing to build and improve CA. We take nothing for granted and look forward to earning your continued support in the weeks ahead. We hope that we will see many of you at CA World in Orlando, Florida from July 8-12.

Very truly yours,

Charles B. Wang
Chairman

Sanjay Kumar
President & Chief Executive Officer

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Computer Associates plans to file a proxy statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to Computer Associates' solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of Computer Associates with respect to the Computer Associates 2001 annual meeting of stockholders. COMPUTER ASSOCIATES ADVISES SECURITY HOLDERS TO READ ITS PROXY STATEMENT WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE, BECAUSE IT WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. Computer Associates' proxy statement and other relevant documents will be available for free at www.sec.gov. You may also obtain a free copy of Computer Associates' proxy statement, when it becomes available, by writing to Computer Associates at One Computer Associates Plaza, Islandia, New York 11749, or at www.ca.com. Detailed information regarding the names, affiliation and interests of individuals who may be deemed participants in the solicitation of proxies of Computer Associates' shareholders is

available in the soliciting materials on Schedule 14A filed by Computer

Associates with the SEC.