SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That I, **JASPER SYKES**, residing at 2375 Madison Street, Gary, Lake County, Indiana 46407 hereby appoint **MARY SYKES** of 2375 Madison Street, Gary, Lake County, Indiana, 46407 as my true and lawful Attorney-In-Fact for me and in my place and stead, and for my use and benefit:

To exercise, do and perform any act, right or power, duty or obligation whatsoever concerning the obtaining of a first mortgage loan from Custom Mortgage, Inc., in the principal amount of $22,500.00, secured on the following-described real estate, to-wit:

Lot Twenty (20) and Twenty-one (21) in Block Thirty-four (34) as marked and laid down on the recorded plat of Bryan Island Park Subdivision to Gary, Lake County, Indiana.

Tax Key No. 25-41-0229-0014

More Commonly known as 2375 Madison Street, Gary, Indiana 46408.

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I grant to my said Attorney-In-Fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever necessary and proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted as fully to all intents and purposes as I might or could do if personally present.

WITNESS MY HAND this 23rd day of November 1997.

STATE OF INDIANA
LAKE COUNTY
FILED FOR RECORD
1997 DEC 11 PM 2:05
RECORDER

Jasper Sykes
JASPER SYKES

FILED
DEC 1 1997
SAM ORLICH
AUDITOR LAKE COUNTY

STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF LAKE)

Before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State, this 23rd day of November 1997, personally appeared **JASPER SYKES**, who acknowledged the execution of the foregoing Special Power of Attorney as his voluntary act and deed.

ANJANETTE M LEWIS
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF INDIANA
LAKE COUNTY
MY COMMISSION EXP. MAY 18,1999

Anjanette M Lewis
Notary Public
Printed Name Anjanette M. Lewis
Resident of Lake County

My Commission Expires:
May 18, 1999

This Instrument Prepared By: ARNOLD KREVITZ (#5347-45)
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325 NORTH MAIN
CROWN POINT, IN 46307 974719-03

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