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NEIMAN MARCUS GROUP INC
Form SC 13D/A
March 15, 2002

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 13)¹

The Neiman Marcus Group, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share
Class B Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

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(CUSIP Number)

Henry Horbaczewski
Reed Elsevier Inc. & Harcourt General, Inc.
125 Park Avenue, 23rd Floor
New York, New York 10017
(212) 309-5498

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

March 11, 2002

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of This Statement)

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

REED INTERNATIONAL P.L.C.
I.R.S. Identification No. - N/A

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)
(a)
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (See Instructions)

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5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

England

	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF		Class A Common Stock: 0
		Class B Common Stock: 0
SHARES		
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
BENEFICIALLY		Class A Common Stock: 4,243,942
		Class B Common Stock: 0
OWNED BY		
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
EACH		
REPORTING		Class A Common Stock: 0
		Class B Common Stock: 0

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PERSON

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH

Class A Common Stock: 4,243,942
Class B Common Stock: 0

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

Class A Common Stock: 4,243,942
Class B Common Stock: 0

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

(See Instructions)

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

Class A Common Stock: 15.3%
Class B Common Stock: 0%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

ELSEVIER NV

I.R.S. Identification No. - N/A

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The Netherlands

	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF		Class A Common Stock: 0
SHARES		Class B Common Stock: 0
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	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
BENEFICIALLY		Class A Common Stock: 4,243,942
OWNED BY		Class B Common Stock: 0
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	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING		Class A Common Stock: 0
PERSON		Class B Common Stock: 0
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	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
WITH		Class A Common Stock: 4,243,942
		Class B Common Stock: 0

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

Class A Common Stock: 4,243,942
Class B Common Stock: 0

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

(See Instructions)

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

Class A Common Stock: 15.3%
Class B Common Stock: 0%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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REED ELSEVIER plc
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5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e) []

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

England

	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF		Class A Common Stock: 4,243,942
SHARES		Class B Common Stock: 0
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
BENEFICIALLY		Class A Common Stock: 0
OWNED BY		Class B Common Stock: 0
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING		Class A Common Stock: 4,243,942
PERSON		Class B Common Stock: 0
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
WITH		Class A Common Stock: 0
		Class B Common Stock: 0

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

Class A Common Stock: 4,243,942
Class B Common Stock: 0

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

Class A Common Stock: 15.3%
Class B Common Stock: 0%

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REED ELSEVIER HOLDINGS BV
I.R.S. Identification No. - N/A

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N/A

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

The Netherlands

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF Class A Common Stock: 4,243,942
Class B Common Stock: 0

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SHARES
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

8 SHARED VOTING POWER
Class A Common Stock: 0
Class B Common Stock: 0

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
Class A Common Stock: 4,243,942
Class B Common Stock: 0

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
Class A Common Stock: 0
Class B Common Stock: 0

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

Class A Common Stock: 4,243,942
Class B Common Stock: 0

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

(See Instructions)

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

Class A Common Stock: 15.3%
Class B Common Stock: 0%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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REED ELSEVIER OVERSEAS BV
I.R.S. Identification No. - N/A

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5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

The Netherlands

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF	Class A Common Stock: 4,243,942
SHARES	Class B Common Stock: 0

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY	Class A Common Stock: 0
OWNED BY	Class B Common Stock: 0

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH	Class A Common Stock: 4,243,942
REPORTING	Class B Common Stock: 0

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON	Class A Common Stock: 0
WITH	Class B Common Stock: 0

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

Class A Common Stock: 4,243,942
Class B Common Stock: 0

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

(See Instructions)

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

Class A Common Stock: 15.3%
Class B Common Stock: 0%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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REED ELSEVIER U.S. HOLDINGS INC.
I.R.S. Identification No. - 04-3006976

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)

(a) []
(b) []

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (See Instructions)

N/A

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF Class A Common Stock: 4,243,942
SHARES Class B Common Stock: 0

8 SHARED VOTING POWER
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY Class A Common Stock: 0
Class B Common Stock: 0

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
EACH REPORTING PERSON Class A Common Stock: 4,243,942
Class B Common Stock: 0

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
WITH

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Class A Common Stock: 0
Class B Common Stock: 0

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

Class A Common Stock: 4,243,942
Class B Common Stock: 0

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

(See Instructions)

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

Class A Common Stock: 15.3%
Class B Common Stock: 0%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

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REED ELSEVIER INC.
I.R.S. Identification No. - 52-1471842

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)

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(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (See Instructions)

N/A

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts

	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF		Class A Common Stock: 4,243,942
SHARES		Class B Common Stock: 0
BENEFICIALLY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY		Class A Common Stock: 0
EACH		Class B Common Stock: 0
REPORTING	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
PERSON		Class A Common Stock: 4,243,942
WITH		Class B Common Stock: 0
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		Class A Common Stock: 0
		Class B Common Stock: 0

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

Class A Common Stock: 4,243,942
Class B Common Stock: 0

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

(See Instructions)

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

Class A Common Stock: 15.3%
Class B Common Stock: 0%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

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HARCOURT GENERAL, INC.

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I.R.S. Identification No. - 04-1619609

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)

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(b) []

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (See Instructions)

N/A

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF
SHARES

Class A Common Stock:	4,243,942
Class B Common Stock:	0

BENEFICIALLY

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY

Class A Common Stock:	0
Class B Common Stock:	0

EACH

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

Class A Common Stock:	4,243,942
Class B Common Stock:	0

PERSON

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH

Class A Common Stock:	0
Class B Common Stock:	0

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

Class A Common Stock: 4,243,942
Class B Common Stock: 0

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

Class A Common Stock: 15.3%
Class B Common Stock: 0%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

HARCOURT PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION GROUP, INC.
I.R.S. Identification No. - 95-3033879

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)

(a) []
(b) []

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (See Instructions)

N/A

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF
SHARES

Class A Common Stock:	4,243,942
Class B Common Stock:	0

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

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BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY Class A Common Stock: 0
Class B Common Stock: 0

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING Class A Common Stock: 4,243,942
Class B Common Stock: 0

PERSON 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH Class A Common Stock: 0
Class B Common Stock: 0

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

Class A Common Stock: 4,243,942
Class B Common Stock: 0

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

(See Instructions)

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

Class A Common Stock: 15.3%
Class B Common Stock: 0%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

HGI SECURITIES CORP.
I.R.S. Identification No. - 04-3486545

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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (See Instructions)

N/A

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts

	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF		Class A Common Stock: 4,243,942
SHARES		Class B Common Stock: 0
BENEFICIALLY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY		Class A Common Stock: 0
		Class B Common Stock: 0
EACH	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING		Class A Common Stock: 4,243,942
PERSON		Class B Common Stock: 0
WITH	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		Class A Common Stock: 0
		Class B Common Stock: 0

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

Class A Common Stock: 4,243,942
Class B Common Stock: 0

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

Class A Common Stock: 15.3%
Class B Common Stock: 0%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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HGI INVESTMENT TRUST
I.R.S. Identification No. - 04-3135617

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)

(a)

(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (See Instructions)

N/A

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts

	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF		Class A Common Stock: 4,243,942
SHARES		Class B Common Stock: 0

BENEFICIALLY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY		Class A Common Stock: 0
		Class B Common Stock: 0

EACH	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING		Class A Common Stock: 4,243,942
PERSON		Class B Common Stock: 0

WITH	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		Class A Common Stock: 0

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Class B Common Stock: 0

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

Class A Common Stock: 4,243,942
Class B Common Stock: 0

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

(See Instructions)

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

Class A Common Stock: 15.3%
Class B Common Stock: 0%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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Pursuant to Section 240.13d-2(a) of Regulation 13D-G of the General Rules and Regulations under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), Items 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7 of the Statement on Schedule 13D relating to the Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Class A Common Stock"), of The Neiman Marcus Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Issuer"), and the Class B Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Class B Common Stock"), of the Issuer, initially filed on September 8, 1987, as amended by Amendment No. 1 filed on October 2, 1987, Amendment No. 2 filed on October 30, 1990, Amendment No. 3 filed on November 2, 1990, Amendment No. 4 filed on November 7, 1990, Amendment No. 5 filed on May 18, 1992, Amendment No. 6 filed on September 25, 1992, Amendment No. 7 filed on February 18, 1993, Amendment No. 8 filed on November 9, 1995, Amendment No. 9 filed on November 12, 1996, Amendment No. 10 filed on May 21, 1999, Amendment No. 11 filed on May 27, 1999 and Amendment No. 12 filed on October 28, 1999 (the "Statement"), initially on behalf of Harcourt General, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Harcourt"), which was formerly known as General Cinema Corporation, are hereby amended and supplemented as set forth herein.

Item 1. Security and Issuer

Item 1 of the Statement is hereby amended in its entirety by deleting the information set forth therein and replacing it with the following:

The classes of equity securities to which this Statement relates are the Class A Common Stock of the Issuer and the Class B Common Stock of the Issuer. The principal executive offices of the Issuer are located at 1618 Main Street, Dallas, Texas 75201.

Item 2. Identity and Background

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Item 2 of the Statement is hereby amended in its entirety by deleting the information set forth therein and replacing it with the following:

This Statement is filed by (i) Reed International P.L.C., an English public limited company ("Reed"), having its principal executive offices at 25 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0EX, England, (ii) Elsevier NV, a Dutch public limited company ("Elsevier"), having its principal executive offices at Sara Burgerhartstraat 25, 1055 KV Amsterdam, The Netherlands, (iii) Reed Elsevier plc, an English public limited company ("Reed Elsevier"), having its principal executive offices at 25 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0EX, England, (iv) Reed Elsevier Holdings BV, a Dutch private limited company ("Reed Elsevier Holdings"), having its principal executive offices at Sara Burgerhartstraat 25, 1055 KV Amsterdam, The Netherlands, (v) Reed Elsevier Overseas BV, a Dutch private limited company ("Reed Elsevier Overseas"), having its principal executive offices at Sara Burgerhartstraat 25, 1055 KV Amsterdam, The Netherlands, (vi) Reed Elsevier U.S. Holdings Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Reed Elsevier U.S."), having its principal executive offices at 1105 North Market Street, Suite 900, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, (vii) Reed Elsevier Inc., a Massachusetts corporation ("Reed Elsevier Inc."), having its principal executive offices at 275 Washington Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, (viii)

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Harcourt, having its principal executive offices at 275 Washington Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, (ix) Harcourt Professional Education Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("HPEG"), having its principal executive offices at 275 Washington Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, (x) HGI Securities Corp., a Massachusetts business corporation ("HGISC"), having its principal executive offices at 275 Washington Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458 and (xi) HGI Investment Trust, a Massachusetts business trust ("HGIT", and together with Reed, Elsevier, Reed Elsevier, Reed Elsevier Holdings, Reed Elsevier Overseas, Reed Elsevier U.S., Reed Elsevier Inc., Harcourt, HPEG and HGISC, the "Reporting Persons"), having its principal executive offices at 275 Washington Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458.

As provided in the Joint Filing Agreement and Power of Attorney filed as Exhibit 99.3 hereto, the Reporting Persons have agreed pursuant to Section 240.13d-1(k) of Regulation 13D-G of the General Rules and Regulations under the Act, to file this Statement jointly with respect to their beneficial ownership of the Class A Common Stock of the Issuer. The shares of Class A Common Stock to which this Statement relates are owned of record by HGIT. By reason of HGIT's status as a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of HGISC, HGISC may be deemed to beneficially own all of the Class A Common Stock beneficially owned by HGIT. By reason of HGISC's status as a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of HPEG, HPEG may be deemed to beneficially own all of the Class A Common Stock beneficially owned by HGISC. By reason of HPEG's status as a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of Harcourt, Harcourt may be deemed to beneficially own all of the Class A Common Stock beneficially owned by HGISC. By reason of Harcourt's status as a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of Reed Elsevier Inc., Reed Elsevier Inc. may be deemed to beneficially own all of the Class A Common Stock beneficially owned by Harcourt. By reason of Reed Elsevier Inc.'s status as a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of Reed Elsevier U.S., Reed Elsevier U.S. may be deemed to beneficially own all of the Class A Common Stock beneficially owned by Reed Elsevier Inc. By reason of Reed Elsevier U.S.'s status as a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of Reed Elsevier Overseas, Reed Elsevier Overseas may be deemed to beneficially own all of the

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Class A Common Stock beneficially owned by Reed Elsevier U.S. By reason of Reed Elsevier Oversea's status as a direct, 95%-owned subsidiary of Reed Elsevier Holdings, Reed Elsevier Holdings may be deemed to beneficially own all of the Class A Common Stock beneficially owned by Reed Elsevier Overseas. By reason of Reed Elsevier Holding's status as a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of Reed Elsevier, Reed Elsevier may be deemed to beneficially own all of the Class A Common Stock beneficially owned by Reed Elsevier Holdings. By reason of their status as equal, 50% owners of the voting stock of Reed Elsevier and thus their ability to control Reed Elsevier, Reed and Elsevier may be deemed to have shared power to direct the vote and to direct the disposition of the shares of Class A Common Stock that may be deemed to be beneficially owned by Reed Elsevier and, accordingly, may be deemed to beneficially own all of the Class A Common Stock beneficially owned by Reed Elsevier.

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During the last five years, none of the Reporting Persons has been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) or has been party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree, or final order, enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, Federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

This Statement is being filed while the Reporting Persons are in the process of compiling the information required herein with respect to their respective directors and executive officers. Upon obtaining all of the information concerning such individuals that is required to be disclosed herein, the Reporting Persons will file an amendment to this Statement and disclose all such information with respect to such directors and executive officers.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

Item 5 of the Statement is hereby amended in its entirety by deleting the information set forth therein and replacing it with the following:

(a) As of the date of this filing, the Reporting Persons own, in the aggregate, 4,243,942 shares of Class A Common Stock of the Issuer. Such shares of Class A Common Stock represent approximately 15.3% of the total outstanding shares of Class A Common Stock as reported in the Issuer's most recently filed Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended October 27, 2001, and approximately 8.9% of the total outstanding shares of both Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock as reported in the Issuer's most recently filed Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended October 27, 2001.

The Reporting Persons do not beneficially own any shares of Class B Common Stock.

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(b) As of the date of this filing, each of HGIT, HGISC, Harcourt, Reed Elsevier Inc., Reed Elsevier U.S., Reed Elsevier Overseas, Reed Elsevier Holdings and Reed Elsevier, acting by itself or through their respective direct or indirect wholly owned (or 95% owned, as the case may be) subsidiaries, each have the power to vote or direct the vote and to dispose or direct the disposition of 4,243,942 shares of Class A Common Stock.

In addition, by reason of their status as equal, 50% owners of the voting stock of Reed Elsevier and thus their ability to control Reed Elsevier, Reed and Elsevier have shared power to direct the vote and to direct the disposition of the shares of Class A Common Stock that may be deemed to be beneficially owned by Reed Elsevier and, accordingly, may also be deemed to beneficially own 4,243,942 shares of Class A Common Stock.

(c) In compliance with its obligations to the Internal Revenue Service with respect to the Distribution (as defined in Amendment No. 10 to the Statement on Schedule 13D filed by Harcourt on May 21, 1999 ("Amendment No. 10")) and as disclosed in Item 4 of Amendment No. 10, beginning on February 4, 2002 through the date of this filing, HGIT sold 744,600 shares of Class A Common Stock in a series of open market transactions conducted through customary

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brokerage arrangements. The cumulative average sale price, net of commissions, for the shares of Class A Common Stock sold in such transactions was approximately \$33.48 per share.

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Other than as set forth in this Item 5 and subject to the immediately preceding paragraph, to the best of the Reporting Persons' knowledge as of the date hereof, (i) the Reporting Persons do not beneficially own any Class A Common Stock or Class B Common Stock and (ii) there have been no transactions in Class A Common Stock or Class B Common Stock effected during the past 60 days by the Reporting Persons.

(d) No other person is known by the Reporting Persons to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the Class A Common Stock or the Class B Common Stock.

Pursuant to Section 240.13d-4 under Regulation 13D-G of the General Rules and Regulations under the Act, the Reporting Persons, other than HGIT, declare that the filing of this statement shall not be construed as an admission that any such Reporting Person is, for the purposes of Section 13(d) or 13(g) of the Act, the beneficial owner of any securities covered by this Statement.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

Item 6 of this Statement is hereby amended by adding the following at the end thereof:

HGIT has entered into customary brokerage arrangements with respect to

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its sales of Class A Common Stock in the open market.

Item 7. Material to be filed as Exhibits.

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his or its knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: March 15, 2002

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By: /s/ Leslie Dixon

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JOINT FILING AGREEMENT AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Reed International P.L.C., an English public limited company, Elsevier NV, a Dutch public limited company, Reed Elsevier plc, an English public limited company, Reed Elsevier Holdings BV, a Dutch private limited company, Reed Elsevier Overseas BV, a Dutch private limited company, Reed Elsevier U.S. Holdings Inc., a Delaware corporation, Reed Elsevier Inc., a Massachusetts corporation, Harcourt General, Inc., a Delaware corporation, Harcourt Professional Education Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation, HGI Securities Corp., a Massachusetts business corporation, and HGI Investment Trust, a Massachusetts business trust, each hereby agrees, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(k) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, that the Schedule 13D filed herewith, and any amendments thereto, relating to Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of The Neiman Marcus Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Issuer"), or any Class B Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Issuer is, and will be, jointly filed on behalf of each such person and further agree that this Joint Filing Agreement and Power of Attorney be included as an exhibit to such joint filings.

Each of the above named signatories hereto further agrees and hereby constitutes and appoints each of Henry Horbaczewski, Charles P. Fontaine and Julie A. Goldweitz as their true and lawful agent and attorney-in-fact, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, to prepare, execute and file

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any such amendments, and any other documents which any such attorney-in-fact may consider advisable in connection with the transactions described in this statement on Schedule 13D, on our behalf, and hereby ratifies any such action by such agent and attorney-in-fact.

In evidence thereof, the undersigned hereby execute this Joint Filing Agreement and Power of Attorney as of the date set forth below and agree to file.

Dated: March 15, 2002

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