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April 25, 2001

Culp, Inc.
101 South Main Street
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Re: Registration Statement on Form S-8 of Culp, Inc.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have served as counsel to Culp, Inc., a North Carolina corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the preparation by the Company of a registration statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, relating to the offer and sale of up to 350,000 shares of the Company's common stock, \$.05 par value per share (the "Shares"), to be issued by the Company pursuant to the Culp, Inc. 1993 Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"), and associated rights to purchase Series A Participating Preferred Stock of the Company (the "Rights") issued pursuant to a Rights Agreement, dated as of October 8, 1999 (the "Rights Agreement") between the Company and Equiserve Trust Company, N.A., as Rights Agent.

We have examined the Plan, the Rights Agreement, the Articles of Incorporation of the Company and the amendments thereto listed as exhibits to the Registration Statement (the "Charter"), the Restated and Amended Bylaws of the Company listed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement (the "Bylaws"), and such other corporate and other documents and records and certificates of public officials as we have deemed necessary or appropriate for the purposes of this opinion.

We have assumed (i) the authority and genuineness of all signatures, (ii) the legal capacity of all natural persons, (iii) the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, and (iv) the conformity to authentic original documents of all documents submitted to us as certified, conformed or photostatic copies.

Based upon the foregoing, and subject to the qualifications and limitations set forth herein, we are of the opinion that:

1. The Shares, if and when originally issued and sold by the Company pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Plan, and upon payment of the consideration, if any, payable therefor pursuant to the Plan, will be legally issued, fully paid and nonassessable and will represent validly authorized and outstanding shares of common stock of the Company.

2. The Rights associated with the Shares, if and when originally issued by the Company pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Rights Agreement, will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable, and will be valid and binding obligations of the Company.

We have assumed that the Company and those officers and employees that may receive options to purchase Shares under the Plan will have complied with the relevant requirements of the Plan and that all prescribed filings with regulatory authorities, including any stock exchanges having jurisdiction, will be effected in accordance with their respective requirements and that the approvals of such regulatory authorities, including any stock exchanges having jurisdiction, will have been granted prior to the issuance of any of the Shares or Rights.

The opinions expressed herein are contingent upon the Registration Statement becoming effective under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Charter, Bylaws and Rights Agreement not being further amended prior to the issuance of the Shares or Rights.

The foregoing opinions are limited to the laws of the State of North

Carolina, and we express no opinion with respect to the laws of any other state or jurisdiction.

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We hereby consent to the filing of a copy of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement.

Very truly yours,

ROBINSON, BRADSHAW & HINSON, P.A.

/s/ Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson, P.A.

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of Culp, Inc.:

We consent to incorporation by reference in the registration statement on Form S-8 of Culp, Inc. of our report dated May 31, 2000, except for note 17 to the consolidated financial statements, as to which the date is February 19, 2001, relating to the consolidated balance sheets of Culp, Inc. and subsidiary as of April 30, 2000 and May 2, 1999, (as restated), and the related consolidated statements of income, shareholders' equity and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended April 30, 2000 (as restated for the years ended May 2, 1999 and May 3, 1998), which report appears in the April 30, 2000 annual report on Form 10-K/A of Culp, Inc.

As discussed in note 17 to the consolidated financial statements, the company has restated its previously issued 2000, 1999 and 1998 consolidated financial statements.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Charlotte, North Carolina
April 25, 2001

POWER OF ATTORNEY

THE UNDERSIGNED director of Culp, Inc. (the "Company") hereby appoints Phillip W. Wilson and Kathy J. Hardy and each of them singly, as the undersigned's lawful agent and attorney-in-fact, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for and on behalf and in the name of the undersigned, to execute and file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") (i) a registration statement on Form S-8 pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), for the purpose of registering 106,000 shares of the Company's common stock, \$.05 par value per share ("Common Stock"), to be issued upon the exercise of options granted under the Culp, Inc. 1997 Performance-Based Option Plan (the "1997 Plan") and the associated rights to purchase preferred stock ("Rights") to be issued upon the exercise of such options pursuant to the Rights Agreement, dated as of October 8, 1999 (the "Rights Agreement") between the Company and Equiserve Trust Company, N.A., as Rights Agent, (ii) a registration statement on Form S-8 pursuant to the Act for the purpose of registering an additional 350,000 shares of Common Stock to be issued upon the exercise of options granted under the Culp, Inc. 1993 Stock Option Plan (the "1993 Plan") and the associated Rights to be issued upon the exercise of such options pursuant to the Rights Agreement, (iii) any and all amendments, including post-effective amendments, and exhibits to such registration statements, and (iv) any and all applications or other documents to be filed with the Commission or otherwise pertaining to such registration statements or amendments, with full power and authority to take or cause to be taken all other actions that in the judgment of such appointed person(s) may be necessary or appropriate to effect the registration under the Act of the shares of the Company's Common Stock offered or to be offered pursuant to the 1997 Plan and the 1993 Plan and the associated Rights.

EXECUTED on the 27th day of February, 2001.

/s/ Robert T. Davis

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EXECUTED on the 7th day of March, 2001.

/s/ H. Bruce English

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EXECUTED on the 19th day of March, 2001.

/s/ Patrick B. Flavin

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EXECUTED on the 26th day of February, 2001.

/s/ Patrick H. Norton

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EXECUTED on the 1st day of March, 2001.

/s/ Earl N. Phillips

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EXECUTED on the 26th day of February, 2001.

/s/ Judith C. Walker

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