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Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than April 2, 1996.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (Lloyd W. Bostian, Jr., Senior Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261:

1. *National Bankshares, Inc.*, Blacksburg, Virginia; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Bank of Tazewell County, Tazewell, Virginia.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 13, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank

indicated. Once the application has been accepted for processing, it will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act, including whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company can "reasonably be expected to produce benefits to the public, such as greater convenience, increased competition, or gains in efficiency, that outweigh possible adverse effects, such as undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interests, or unsound banking practices" (12 U.S.C. 1843). Any request for a hearing must be accompanied by a statement of the reasons a written presentation would not suffice in lieu of a hearing, identifying specifically any questions of fact that are in dispute, summarizing the evidence that would be presented at a hearing, and indicating how the party commenting would be aggrieved by approval of the proposal. Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than April 3, 1996.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Kenneth R. Binning, Director, Bank Holding Company) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105:

1. *First Hawaiian, Inc.*, Honolulu, Hawaii; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Pacific One Bank, Portland Oregon, a *de novo* bank, which would acquire 26 branches of bank and thrift subsidiaries of U.S. Bancorp, Portland, Oregon (USB), all of which branches are located in the state of Oregon; and to acquire Idaho First Bank, Boise, Idaho, which would acquire 1 branch of a subsidiary bank of USB, which branch is located in the state of Idaho.

Applicant also has given notice of its intent to acquire, through its thrift subsidiary, Pioneer Federal Savings Bank, Honolulu, Hawaii, 5 branches of subsidiary banks of USB, all of which branches are located in the state of Washington, and thereby engage in operating a savings association in the state of Washington, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(9) of the Board's Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 13, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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Notice of Proposals To Engage in Permissible Nonbanking Activities or to Acquire Companies That Are Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

The companies listed in this notice have given notice under section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843) (BHC Act) and Regulation Y, (12 CFR part 225) to engage *de novo*, or to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.25 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.25) or that the Board has determined by Order to be closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. Once the notice has been accepted for processing, it will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act, including whether consummation of the proposal can "reasonably be expected to produce benefits to the public, such as greater convenience, increased competition, or gains in efficiency, that outweigh possible adverse effects, such as undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interests, or unsound banking practices" (12 U.S.C. 1843). Any request for a hearing on this question must be accompanied by a statement of the reasons a written presentation would not suffice in lieu of a hearing, identifying specifically any questions of fact that are in dispute, summarizing the evidence that would be presented at a hearing, and indicating how the party commenting would be aggrieved by approval of the proposal.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than April 1, 1996.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Zane R. Kelley, Vice President) 104 Marietta Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303:

1. *TB&C Bancshares, Inc., and Synovus Financial Corporation* (Applicant), both of Columbus, Georgia; to acquire, through its subsidiary Total System Services, Inc., Columbus, Georgia, 50 percent of the voting shares of Vital Processing Services, Inc., Columbus, Georgia (Company), a joint venture, and thereby engage in certain data processing activities, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(7) of the Board's Regulation Y. In particular, Company would provide merchant card processing services to financial institutions and their merchant customers. A subsidiary of VISA U.S.A., Inc., San Francisco, California, would own the remaining 50 percent of the voting shares of Company.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 12, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Findings of Scientific Misconduct

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) has made final findings of scientific misconduct in the following case:

Cathy Q. Lee, Massachusetts General Hospital: On February 28, 1996, ORI found that Cathy Q. Lee, Ph.D., Postdoctoral Fellow, Molecular Endocrinology Laboratory at the Massachusetts General Hospital, committed scientific misconduct by engaging in falsification and fabrication of research data incorporated in a manuscript prepared for submission (but not submitted) to the EMBO Journal (Lee, C.Q., Yun, Y., and Habener, J.F. "Transactivation of functions of cAMP-

responsive transcription factor CREB-327 mediated by amphiphatic helical domains flanking the requisite serine-119 phosphorylated by protein kinase-A.") and by engaging in improper data selection and falsification of data published in the EMBO Journal (Lee, C.Q., Yun, Y., Hoeffler, J.P., and Habener, J.F. "Cyclic-AMP responsive transcriptional activation of CREB-327 involves interdependent phosphorylated subdomains." EMBO Journal 9:4455-4465, 1990). This research was supported by a Public Health Service grant.

Dr. Lee has entered into a Voluntary Exclusion Agreement with ORI in settlement of ORI's finding of scientific misconduct and has agreed:

(1) To exclude herself voluntarily from any contracting or subcontracting with any agency of the United States Government and from eligibility for, or involvement in, Federal nonprocurement transactions (e.g., grants and cooperative agreements) of the United States Government, as defined in 45 C.F.R. Part 76 and 48 C.F.R. Subparts 9.4 and 309.4 (Debarment Regulations) for a period of two (2) years beginning on February 28, 1996; the above voluntary exclusion, however, shall not apply to Dr. Lee's future clinical laboratory training or practice, unless that training or practice involves research or research training;

(2) That for a period of one (1) year beginning immediately after the two (2) year voluntary exclusion above, any institution that submits an application for PHS support for a research project on which the Respondent's participation is proposed or which uses the Respondent in any capacity on PHS supported research, must concurrently submit a plan for supervision of the Respondent's duties; the supervisory plan must be designed to ensure the scientific integrity of the Respondent's research contribution, and the institution must submit a copy of the supervisory plan to ORI; and

(3) To exclude herself voluntarily from serving in any advisory capacity to PHS, including but not limited to service on any PHS advisory committee, board, and/or peer review committee, or as a consultant for a period of three (3) years beginning on February 28, 1996.

A letter retracting the article entitled "Cyclic-AMP responsive transcriptional activation of CREB-327 involves interdependent phosphorylated subdomains" (EMBO Journal 9:4455-4465, 1990) has been published in the EMBO Journal (EMBO Journal 13:2736, 1994).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Director, Division of Research Investigations, Office of Research Integrity, 5515 Security Lane, Suite 700, Rockville, MD 20852.

Lyle W. Bivens,

Director, Office of Research Integrity.

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Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Proposed Project(s)

Title: Annual Survey of Refugees.

OMB No.: 0970-0033.

Description: The Questionnaire for the Annual Survey of Refugees collects information on the economic circumstances of a random sample of refugees and entrants who arrived in the U.S. during the previous five years, especially their employment, labor force participation and welfare utilization rates. From their responses, ORR reports on the economic adjustment of refugees for use by Congress and program managers in determining the future direction of the Refugee Resettlement Program.

Respondents: Individuals and households.

Annual Burden Estimates:

Instrument	No. of respondents	No. of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
ORR-9	1,800	1	.75	1,350

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,350.

In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the

information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to The Administration for Children and Families, Office of Information Services, Division of Information Resource Management Services, 370 L'Enfant

Promenade, SW., Washington DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by title.

In addition, requests of copies may be made and comments forwarded to the Reports Clearance Officer over the Internet by sending a message to rkatson@acf.dhhs.gov. Internet messages