

the Federal Reserve System, 20th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposal to extend, without revision, the following currently approved collection of information:
Title: Country Exposure Report for U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks
Form Number: FFIEC 019
OMB Number: 7100-0213.
Frequency of Response: Quarterly.
Affected Public: U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 329
Estimated Time per Response: 10 burden hours.
Estimated Total Annual Burden: 13,160 burden hours.

General Description of Report: This information collection is mandatory: 12 U.S.C. 3105 and 3108 for the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; sections 7 and 10 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1817, 1820) for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and the National Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 161) for the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency). This information collection is given confidential treatment (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(8)). Small businesses (that is, small U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks) are affected.

Abstract: All individual U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks that have more than \$30 million in direct claims on residents of foreign countries must file the FFIEC 019 report quarterly. Currently, all respondents report adjusted exposure amounts to the five largest countries having at least \$20 million in total adjusted exposure. The Agencies collect this data to monitor the extent to which such branches and agencies are pursuing prudent country risk diversification policies and limiting potential liquidity pressures. No revisions are proposed to this information collection.

REQUEST FOR COMMENT

Comments submitted in response to this Notice will be summarized or included in the agencies' requests for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Written comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection request.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 30, 1996.

William W. Wiles,

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 November 29, 1996.

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

1. *ABC Bancorp*, Moultrie, Georgia; to merge with M&F Financial Corporation, Donalsonville, Georgia, and thereby

indirectly acquire Merchants & Farmers Bank, Donalsonville, Georgia.

2. *First Georgia Community Corp.*, Jackson, Georgia; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of First Georgia Community Bank, Jackson, Georgia, in organization.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 30, 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 November 19, 1996.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Christopher J. McCurdy, Senior Vice President) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045:

1. *The Royal Bank of Canada*, Montreal, Canada; to engage *de novo* through an unnamed wholly-owned subsidiary, in the activity of making and servicing loans or other extensions of credit, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(1) of the Board's Regulation Y.

2. *Unidanmark A/S and Unibank A/S*, both of Copenhagen, Denmark (collectively, Notificants); to retain 100 percent of the voting interests in Aros Securities, Inc., New York, New York (Aros), and thereby engage in providing investment and financial advisory services; providing discount and full-service brokerage services; buying and selling all types of debt and equity securities on the order of customers as a "riskless principal"; and acting as agent in the private placement of all types of debt and equity securities. The Board previously has determined that the proposed activities are closely related to banking. 12 CFR 225.25(b)(4), and (15); *Bankers Trust New York Corporation*, 75 Fed. Res. Bull. 829 (1989); *J.P. Morgan & Company Incorporated*, 76 Fed. Res. Bull. 26 (1990); see also Order Revising the Limitations Applicable to Riskless Principal Activities, 82 Fed. Res. Bull. 759 (1996). Notificants would engage in the proposed activities pursuant to the limitations contained in Regulation Y and the Board's prior orders relating to the proposed activities. Aros would engage in the proposed activities throughout the United States and the world.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (Karen L. Grandstrand, Vice President) 250 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480:

1. *Cattail Bancshares, Inc.*, Atwater, Minnesota; to engage *de novo* in making and servicing loans, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(1) of the Board's Regulation Y. These activities will be conducted throughout Atwater, Kimball, and St. Augusta Township and other surrounding communities (all in Minnesota).

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 30, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

TIME AND DATE: 12:00 noon, Tuesday, November 12, 1996.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, C Street entrance between 20th and 21st Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.

2. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Mr. Joseph R. Coyne, Assistant to the Board; (202) 452-3204. You may call (202) 452-3207, beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before this meeting, for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting.

Dated: November 1, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, The Department of Health and Human Services announces the following advisory committee meeting.

Name: National Committee on vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS).

Times and Dates: 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m., November 14, 1996; 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., November 15, 1996.

Place: Room 503A, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20201.

Status: Open.

Purpose: The meeting will focus on the Committee's new responsibilities as outlined in the administrative simplification provisions of Public Law 104-191, as well as on related matters. Departmental officials will brief the Committee on recent developments, activities of the HHS Data Council, and related data policy activities. The Committee also is scheduled to begin the first of a series of discussions on health data standards: ANSI HSB representatives are scheduled to brief the Committee on an inventory of administrative transaction data standards; representatives from the health

data standards community, the health quality assurance community, the public health and research communities, State and local governments and other interested and affected parties are scheduled to describe their perspectives on health data standards. The Committee also will discuss its priorities and work plans.

Notice: In the interest of security, the Department has instituted stringent procedures for entrance to the Hubert H. Humphrey building by non-government employees. Thus, persons without a government identification card should plan to arrive at the building each day either between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. or 12:30 and 1:00 p.m. so they can be escorted to the meeting. Entrance to the meeting at other times during the day cannot be assured.

Contact Person for More Information: Substantive program information as well as summaries of the meeting and a roster of committee members may be obtained from James Scanlon, NCVHS, Executive Staff Director, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, DHHS, Room 440-D, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201, telephone (202) 690-7100, or Marjorie S. Greenberg, Acting Executive Secretary, NCVHS, NCHS, CDC, Room 1100, Presidential Building, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone 301/436-7050.

Dated: October 29, 1996.

James Scanlon,

Director, Division of Data Policy.

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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 a final finding of scientific misconduct in the following case:

Melissa A. Harrington, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center: Based upon an investigation conducted by the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, information obtained by ORI during its oversight review, and Dr. Harrington's own admission, ORI found that Melissa A. Harrington, Ph.D., former postdoctoral research fellow, Department of Pharmacology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, engaged in scientific misconduct by falsifying the methodology and figures in a manuscript that was accepted for publication in the *Journal of Neuroscience* ("G_{αq} and G_{βγ} open two Bradykinin-gated potassium channels via a membrane-delimited pathway"). The research was supported by a grant