

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes, such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide Individual Assistance and Public Assistance in the designated areas. Hazard Mitigation may be added at a later date, if requested. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance or Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs.

The time period prescribed for the implementation of section 310(a), Priority to Certain Applications for Public Facility and Public Housing Assistance, 42 U.S.C. 5153, shall be for a period not to exceed six months after the date of this declaration.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency under Executive Order 12148, I hereby appoint William L. Carwile of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

I do hereby determine the following areas of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to have been affected adversely by this declared major disaster:

The Islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota for Individual Assistance and Public Assistance. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 83.516, Disaster Assistance.)

**James L. Witt,**

*Director.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### 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. The application also will 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. 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 January 22, 1998.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond** (A. Linwood Gill III, Assistant Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261-4528:

*1. First Commercial Corporation*, Little Rock, Arkansas; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of First Commercial Bank N.A. of West Memphis, West Memphis, Arkansas, which will be the successor to the conversion of Federal Savings Bank, Rogers, Arkansas, from a federally chartered savings bank to a nationally chartered commercial bank.

In connection with this application, Applicant also has applied to acquire KW Bancshares, Inc., Little Rock, Arkansas, and thereby indirectly acquire its wholly owned thrift subsidiary, Federal Savings Bank, Rogers, Arkansas, and thereby engage in acquiring a savings institution, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(4)(ii) of the Board's Regulation Y. Following consummation of the acquisition, Federal Savings Bank will convert to a nationally chartered commercial bank.

*2. United Bankshares, Inc.*, Charleston, West Virginia; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of George Mason Bankshares, Inc., Fairfax, Virginia, and thereby indirectly acquire The George Mason Bank, Fairfax, Virginia.

**B. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis** (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63102-2034:

*1. Alliance Bancorporation, Inc.*, Hot Springs, Arkansas; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Alliance Bank of Hot Springs, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

**C. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City** (D. Michael Manies, Assistant Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

*1. Gold Banc Corporation, Inc.*, Leawood, Kansas; to acquire 100

percent of the voting shares of First National Bancshares, Inc., Alma, Kansas, and thereby indirectly acquire First National Bank in Alma, Alma, Kansas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 22, 1997.

**Jennifer J. Johnson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### 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 § 225.28 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.28) 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. The notice also will 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.

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 January 9, 1998.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York** (Betsy Buttrill White, Senior Vice President) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045-0001:

*1. Bayerische Vereinsbank AG*, Munich, Germany; to acquire Hypo Securities Inc., New York, New York, and thereby engage in brokerage of equity securities, as agent for the account of customers, who are, for the most part, non-U.S. offices and affiliates of Hypo Bank, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(7)(i) of the Board's Regulation Y; brokerage of fixed income securities, as agent for the account of customers, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(7)(i) of the Board's Regulation Y; secondary market riskless principal transactions involving

fixed income securities, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(7)(ii) of the Board's Regulation Y; and investment advisory activities, especially advice with respect to real estate equity and debt investments, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(6) of the Board's Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 19, 1997.

**Jennifer J. Johnson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

[Docket No. R-0997]

### Treatment of U.S. Companies Operating in Government Debt Market in the Netherlands

**AGENCY:** Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

**ACTION:** Notice of study and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Primary Dealers Act of 1988, which became effective on August 23, 1989, the Federal Reserve may not designate or permit the continuation of the designation of any person of a foreign country as a primary dealer in government debt instruments if such foreign country does not accord to U.S. companies the same competitive opportunities in the underwriting and distribution of government debt instruments issued by such country as such country accords to its domestic companies. Pursuant to this Act, the Federal Reserve is reviewing the government debt market of the Netherlands and requests public comment on the treatment of U.S. companies with respect to the Netherlands' government debt market, focusing in particular on the treatment of U.S. companies relative to domestic firms.

**DATE:** Comments must be received by February 27, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, which should refer to Docket No. R-0997, may be mailed to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20551, to the attention of Mr. William W. Wiles, Secretary. Comments addressed to the attention of Mr. Wiles may also be delivered to the Board's mailroom between 8:45 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. weekdays and to the security control room outside of those hours. Both the mailroom and the security control room are accessible from the courtyard entrance on 20th Street between Constitution Avenue and C

Street, NW. Comments will be available for inspection and copying by members of the public in the Freedom of Information Office, Room MP-500, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays, except as provided in section 261.8 of the Board's Rules Regarding the Availability of Information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kathleen O'Day, Associate General Counsel (202/452-3786), or Ann Misback, Managing Senior Counsel (202/452-3788), Legal Division; or Larry Promisel, Senior Advisor (202/452-3533), Division of International Finance; Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. For the hearing impaired *only*, Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD), Diane Jenkins (202/452-3544), Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th and C Streets NW., Washington, D.C. 20551.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Primary Dealers Act of 1988 ("Act"), 22 U.S.C. §§ 5341-5342, the Federal Reserve may not permit a person of a foreign country to act as a primary dealer in U.S. government securities if the person's home country does not accord U.S. companies the same competitive opportunities as the foreign country accords domestic companies in underwriting and distributing government debt obligations of such foreign country. A "person of a foreign country" includes any foreign individual or company that directly or indirectly controls a primary dealer.

A subsidiary of a bank organized in the Netherlands proposes to be designated as a primary dealer in U.S. government securities. Accordingly, in order to make the determination required by the Act, the Federal Reserve is undertaking a study of the government debt market of the Netherlands to determine whether U.S. companies are accorded national treatment in their access to that market.

The Federal Reserve would welcome the views of U.S. firms or other persons on the specific respects in which U.S. companies are accorded, or are not accorded, the same competitive opportunities in the underwriting and distribution of Dutch government debt instruments as the Netherlands accords to Dutch domestic companies. All such comments, which should be submitted by February 27, 1998, would be considered in the context of the study of this market.

By order of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 19, 1997.

**William W. Wiles,**

*Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request, The Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities Study

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve the information collection listed below. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on April 10, 1997 and allowed 60-days for public comment. No public comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment.

5 CFR 1320.5 (General requirements) Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements: Finale Rule requires that the agency inform the potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. This information is required to be stated in the 30-day **Federal Register** Notice.

#### Proposed Collection

*Title:* The Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities (ARIC) Study. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection (OMB No. 0925-0281). *Need and Use of Information Collection:* This project involves a physical examination and a survey of an additional sample of 45-64 year old persons living in the same communities as the original ARIC Study participant. Information from this sample and from the original cohort collected 10 years earlier will be used to assess temporal trends in selected atherosclerosis risk factor domains. *Frequency of Response:* The recruited individuals will participate in a home interview and an in-clinic examination. *Affected Public:* Individuals or households. *Type of Respondents:* Adults 45-64 years old. The annual reporting burden is as follows: *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 8356; *Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 4.071; *Average Burden Hours per Response:* 0.5211; and *Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested:* 17,726. The cost to the respondents consists of their time; time