Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 27, 1998.

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 February 25, 1998.

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

1. Magna Group, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri; to acquire Charter Financial, Inc. Sparta, Illinois, and thereby indirectly acquire Charter Bank, S.B., Sparta, Illinois, and thereby engage in the operation of a savings association, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(4)(ii) of the Board's Regulation Y.

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FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m. (EST) February 9, 1998.

PLACE: 4th Floor, Conference Room 4506, 1250 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Approval of the minutes of the January 12, 1998, Board member meeting.

2. Thrift Savings Plan activity report by the Executive Director.

3. Review of investment policy.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Thomas J. Trabucco, Director, Office of External Affairs, (202) 942–1640.

Dated: January 27, 1998.

Roger W. Mehle,

Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Federal Trade Commission.

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 19, 1998.

PLACE: Federal Trade Commission Building, Room 532, 6th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580.

STATUS: Parts of this meeting will be open to the public. The rest of the meeting will be closed to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Portions Open to Public:

(1) Oral Argument in Toys ''R'' Us, Docket 9278.

Portions Closed to the Public:

(2) Executive Session to follow Oral Argument in Toys ''R'' Us, Docket 9278.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Victoria Streitfeld, Office of Public Affairs: (202) 326–2180, Recorded Message: (202) 326–2711.

Benjamin I. Berman,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Notice of a Cooperative Agreement With the Congress of National Black Churches

The Office of Minority Health (OMH), Office of Public Health and Science, announces that it will enter into an umbrella cooperative agreement with The Congress of National Black Churches, Inc. (CNBC). This cooperative agreement will establish the broad programmatic framework within which specific projects can be funded as they are identified during the project period.

The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to assist this national association in expanding and enhancing its activities relevant to education, health promotion, disease prevention, and family and youth violence prevention with the ultimate goal of improving the health status of minorities and disadvantaged people, especially within the African American community. The OMH will provide consultation, including administrative and technical assistance as needed, for the execution and evaluation of all aspects of this cooperative agreement. The OMH will also participate and/or collaborate with the awardee in any workshops or symposia to exchange current information, opinions, and research findings.

Authorizing Legislation

This cooperative agreement is authorized under Section 1707(d)(1) of the Public Health Service Act.

Background

Assistance will be provided only to CNBC. No other applications are solicited. CNBC is the only organization capable of administering this cooperative agreement because it has:

1. Developed, expanded, and managed an infrastructure to coordinate and implement various educational programs within local communities, organizations, and local and national churches that deal with racial and ethnic minorities, especially African Americans. CNBC has been actively involved and instrumental in providing a vehicle for coalition building between the church and community-based organizations, and in providing leadership for health promotion strategy and dissemination of prevention information in the African community. The association established 9 national initiatives; Affiliate Relations, Church Rebuilding and Arson Prevention, Institutional Advancement, National