

must be received not later than August 10, 1998.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas
(W. Arthur Tribble, Vice President) 2200 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2272:

1. *Fred A. Moore, Laura H. Moore, Bonita B. Moore*, all of Lockhart, Texas; to acquire additional shares of Lockhart Bankshares, Inc., Lockhart, Texas, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of First Lockhart National Bank, Lockhart, Texas. In addition, O. T. Moore, III, Lockhart, Texas, has applied to retain voting shares of Lockhart Bankshares, Inc., Lockhart, Texas, and thereby indirectly retain voting shares of First Lockhart National Bank, Lockhart, Texas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 21, 1998.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate 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, including the companies listed below, 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 August 7, 1998.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Betsy Buttrill White, Senior Vice

President) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045-0001:

1. *Barclays PLC and Barclays Bank PLC*, both of London, England; to acquire The LongView Group, Inc., Boston, Massachusetts, and thereby engage in data processing activities developing institutional portfolio management and trading desk software, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(14) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 20, 1998.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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

1. *Arvest Bank Group, Inc.*, Bentonville, Arkansas, and its wholly owned subsidiary, First Bancshares, Inc., Bartlesville, Oklahoma; to acquire Ameritrust Corporation, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and thereby engage in performing functions or activities that

may be performed by a trust company, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(5) of Regulation Y; and thereby indirectly acquire Americorp Investment Advisors, Inc., Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Investment Management, Inc., Tulsa, Oklahoma, and thereby engage in providing financial and investment advisory services, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(6) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 21, 1998.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Federal Open Market Committee; Domestic Policy Directive of May 19, 1998.

In accordance with § 271.5 of its rules regarding availability of information (12 CFR part 271), there is set forth below the domestic policy directive issued by the Federal Open Market Committee at its meeting held on May 19, 1998.¹ The directive was issued to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as follows:

The information reviewed at this meeting suggests that economic activity has continued to grow rapidly in 1998. Nonfarm payroll employment registered another substantial increase in April after a slight decline in March, and the civilian unemployment rate fell to 4.3 percent in April. However, factory output has changed little on balance in recent months. Retail sales grew appreciably in April, and consumer spending as a whole has been very strong this year. Residential sales and construction also have strengthened this year. Business fixed investment rebounded sharply in the first quarter after having declined slightly in the fourth quarter, and available indicators point to continuing strength over coming months. Business inventories appear to have increased very rapidly in the first quarter. The nominal deficit on U.S. trade in goods and services widened substantially in January and February from its average monthly rate in the fourth quarter. Despite indications of persisting pressures on employment costs associated with tight labor markets, price inflation has

¹ Copies of the Minutes of the Federal Open Market Committee meeting of May 19, 1998, which include the domestic policy directive issued at that meeting, are available upon request to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D.C. 20551. The minutes are published in the Federal Reserve Bulletin and in the Board's annual report.