

## EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

### Notice of Open Special Meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Export-Import Bank).

**SUMMARY:** The Advisory Committee was established by Public Law 98-181, November 30, 1983, to advise the Export-Import Bank on its programs and to provide comments for inclusion in the reports of the Export-Import Bank of the United States to Congress.

*Time and Place:* Wednesday, September 20, 2000, at 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Export-Import Bank in Room 1143, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20571.

*Agenda:* This meeting will include a follow-up discussion of the Institute of International Economics study titled "The Future of the U.S. Ex-Im Bank", and a discussion of Ex-Im Bank's e-commerce initiatives, and other matters.

*Public Participation:* The meeting will be open to public participation, and the last 10 minutes will be set aside for oral questions or comments. Members of the public may also file written statement(s) before or after the meeting. If any person wishes auxiliary aids (such as a sign language interpreter) or other special accommodations, please contact, prior to September 13, 2000, Teri Stumpf, Room 1215, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20571, Voice: (202) 565-3502 or TDD (202) 565-3377.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, contact Teri Stumpf, Room 1215, 811 Vermont Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20571, (202) 565-3502.

**John M. Niehuss,**

*General Counsel.*

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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 (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at [www.ffiec.gov/nic/](http://www.ffiec.gov/nic/).

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 October 5, 2000.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago** (Phillip Jackson, Applications Officer) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1414:

1. *Wintrust Financial Corporation*, Lake Forest, Illinois; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Northbrook Bank and Trust Company (in formation), Northbrook, Illinois.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, September 5, 2000.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Associate Secretary of the Board.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Federal Open Market Committee; Domestic Policy Directive of June 27 and 28, 2000

In accordance with § 71.5 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 June 27 and 28, 2000.<sup>1</sup>

The Federal Open Market Committee seeks monetary and financial conditions

<sup>1</sup> Copies of the Minutes of the Federal Open Market Committee meeting of June 27 and 28, 2000, 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, DC 20551. The minutes are published in the Federal Reserve Bulletin and in the Board's annual report.

that will foster price stability and promote sustainable growth in output. To further its long-run objectives, the Committee in the immediate future seeks conditions in reserve markets consistent with maintaining the federal funds rate at an average of around 6½ percent.

By order of the Federal Open Market Committee, September 5, 2000.

**Donald L. Kohn,**

*Secretary, Federal Open Market Committee.*

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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) and the Assistant Secretary for Health have taken final action in the following case:

*William A. Simmons, Ph.D., University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center:* Based on the report of an investigation conducted by the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center (UTSW) and additional analysis conducted by ORI in its oversight review, the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) finds that Dr. Simmons engaged in scientific misconduct by falsifying research supported by National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant R01 DK47692, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS), NIH, grants R01 AR38319 and P01 AR09989, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), NIH, grant R01 AI42860, and National Cancer Institute (NCI), NIH, grant T32 CA09082.

Specifically, while a graduate student and postdoctoral fellow at UTSW, Dr. Simmons manipulated results of cytotoxic T-lymphocyte (CTL) assays by adding predetermined amounts of radioactivity to scintillation counting vials rather than carrying out the assays as claimed.

As a result of falsifying these assays over a minimum of five years, none of Dr. Simmons research can be considered reliable and the publications identified below have been, or soon will be, retracted or corrected. The falsified research also was reported in the 1 R01 AI42860-01 grant application, "A new