UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

AGENCY: Rural Telephone Bank, USDA.

ACTION: Staff Briefing for the Board of Directors.

TIME AND DATE: 2:00 p.m., Thursday, February 10, 2000.

PLACE: Room 5030, South Building, Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue,

SW, Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- 1. Current telecommunications industry issues.
- 2. Status of PBO planning and recommendations to accelerate privatization of the Bank.
- 3. Procedure for issuing class C share certificates.
- 4. Procedure to replace lost share certificates.
- 5. Administrative issues.

ACTION: Board of Directors Meeting.

TIME AND DATE: 9:00 a.m., Friday, February 11, 2000.

PLACE: Room 104-A, The Williamsburg Room, Department of Agriculture, 12th & Jefferson

Drive, SW, Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The following matters have been placed on the agenda

for the Board of Directors meeting:

- 1. Call to order.
- 2. Action on Minutes of the November 9, 1999, board meeting.

- 3. Report on loans approved in the first quarter of FY 2000.
- 4. Review first quarter financial statements for FY 2000.
- 5. Privatization Committee report.
- 6. Discussion of Privatization Committees' recommendations to:
 - (a) Contract for a financial advisor to assist the Bank in its preparations for privatization.
 - (b) Transfer funds to be used for the financial advisor contract from the Bank's

Liquidating Account at the U.S. Treasury to a private financial institution.

- 7. Consideration of resolution to change the procedure for issuing class C share certificates.
- 8. Consideration of resolution to modify the procedure for replacing lost share certificates.
- Consideration of resolution to adopt a schedule for various actions concerning the November 2000 Board of Directors election.
- 10. Consideration of resolution to appoint Tellers for the November 2000 Board of Directors election.
- Consideration of resolution to approve Kenneth M. Ackerman to serve as the Assistant Treasurer.
- 12. Adjournment.

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Dated: January 28, 2000

Signed

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