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, August 3, 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.
- 3. Retirement of class A stock in FY 2000.
- 4. Annual class C stock dividend rate.
- 5. Board of directors' election.
- 6. Administrative issues.

ACTION: Board of Directors Meeting.

TIME AND DATE: 9:00 a.m., Friday, August 4, 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 May 12, 2000, board meeting.
- 3. Report on loans approved in the third quarter of FY 2000.
- 4. Report on third quarter financial activity for FY 2000.
- 5. Privatization Committee report.
- 6. Consideration of resolution to retire class A stock in FY 2000.
- 7. Consideration of resolution to set annual class C stock dividend rate.
- 8. Final dates for receipt and tabulation of nominations.
- 9. Adjournment.

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Dated: July 20, 2000

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