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 16, 2001.

PLACE: Conference Room 0204, South Building, Department of Agriculture, 1400

Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Contract for business advisor to the Privatization Committee.

- 2. Retirement of Class A stock in FY 2001.
- 3. Annual Class C stock dividend rate.
- 4. Amendment to bylaw section 2.2 (c).
- 5. Allowance for loan losses reserve.
- 6. Current telecommunications industry issues.
- 7. Administrative issues.

ACTION: Stockholders' Meeting.

TIME AND DATE: 9:00 a.m., Friday, August 17, 2001.

PLACE: Conference Room 104-A, Jamie L. Whitten Building, Department of Agriculture, 12th and Jefferson Drive, SW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The following matters have been placed on the agenda for the stockholders' meeting:

- 1. Call to order.
- 2. Establishment of a quorum.
- 3. Action on Minutes of the August 6, 1999, stockholders' meeting.
- 4. Secretary's report on loans approved.
- 5. Treasurer's report.
- 6. Privatization Committee report.
- 7. New business.
- 8. Adjournment.

ACTION: Board of Directors Meeting.

TIME AND DATE: Following the stockholders' meeting, Friday, August 17, 2001.

PLACE: Conference Room 104-A, Jamie L. Whitten Building, Department of Agriculture, 12th and 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 11, 2001, board meeting.
- 3. Report on the allowance for loan losses reserve.
- 4. Consideration of resolution to retire Class A stock in FY 2001.
- 5. Consideration of resolution to set annual Class C stock dividend rate.
- 6. Action on amendment to bylaw section 2.2 (c).
- 7. Adjournment.

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Dated: August 2, 2001

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