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NOTICE OF COMMISSION MEETINGS

U.S. SECURITIES AND
EXCHANGE COMMISSION

CHANGE IN THE MEETING: CORRECTION

The description of the third item to be discussed at the December 19th open meeting concerning Rule 15c2-10, published December 14th, contained an error. The word "not" was inadvertently left out of the sentence about the operation of proprietary trading systems. The summary should read:

(3) Consideration of whether to issue for comment a release proposing Rule 15c2-10 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to govern the operation of proprietary trading systems that are "not" operated as facilities of national securities exchanges or associations and a conforming amendment to Rule 3a12-7 under the Exchange Act. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT Gordon K. Fuller at (202) 272-2414 or Eugene Lopez at (202) 272-2828.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

ARTHUR B. SILVERMAN SANCTIONED

The Commission instituted public administrative proceedings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 against Arthur B. Silverman, formerly a registered representative with a registered broker-dealer. The Order finds that Silverman, on April 27, pleaded guilty to violating the mail fraud statute and that he was subsequently sentenced to pay a \$10,000 fine. The Order also finds that Silverman was enjoined from violating Section 10(b) and Rule 10b-5; and further finds that the Commission's Complaint alleged that Silverman traded in his and his customer's accounts while in possession of material non-public information relating to a proposed merger between Coastal Savings Bank and Suffield Savings Bank.

Silverman consented, without admitting or denying the allegations, except that he admitted the fact of the conviction and injunction, to an Order providing for a six-month suspension from association with any broker-dealer, investment company, investment adviser, or municipal securities dealer. (Rel. 34-26347)

CIVIL PROCEEDINGS

STOCKBROKER ENJOINED IN INSIDER TRADING CASE

The Boston Regional Office filed a Complaint on November 30 in the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut against Arthur B. Silverman, formerly a registered representative with a Hartford, Connecticut office of a registered broker-dealer. The Complaint alleged that Silverman, while associated with the broker-dealer, received material non-public information from a client relating to a proposed merger between Suffield Savings Bank, Connecticut and Coastal Savings Bank of Portland, Maine. While in possession of that information, Silverman purchased securities of Coastal for himself, family members, and other clients. Simultaneously, Silverman, without admitting or denying the Complaint's allegations, consented to a Final Order of Permanent Injunction. The Final Order enjoins him from future violations of the antifraud provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5. In addition, Silverman is ordered to pay \$9,171 in disgorgement to the registry of the Court, and to pay a penalty of \$18,342 under the Insider Trading Sanctions Act of 1984 to the U.S. Treasury.

[The investigation, as well as several other enforcement actions, was the result of a referral to the Commission by the NASD.] (SEC v. Arthur B. Silverman, USDC DCT, Civil Action No. H-88-826-AHN). (LR-11933)

CONNECTICUT BUSINESS MAN NAMED IN INSIDER TRADING CASE

The Boston Regional Office filed on November 30 in the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut an action for a permanent injunction and other equitable relief against Joel D. Weisman, of West Hartford, Connecticut. The Complaint alleges that Weisman violated the antifraud provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in connection with trading in the securities of Coastal Savings Bank. Specifically, the Complaint alleges that Weisman purchased Coastal Bank stock while in possession of confidential non-public information obtained from Robert DiGennaro, the then Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Suffield Savings Bank, relating to an imminent offer from Suffield Bank to merge with Coastal Bank. Without admitting or denying the Complaint's allegations, Weisman consented to a Final Order of Permanent Injunction which included disgorgement of \$33,735.00 trading profits.

[The investigation, as well as several other enforcement actions, was the result of a referral to the Commission by the NASD.] (SEC v. Joel D. Weisman, DCT, No. H-88-825-PCD). (LR-11938)

INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT RELEASES

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until January 13, 1989 to request a hearing on an application filed by The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States and Norman C. Francis for an order granting a limited exemption to Equitable and certain of its subsidiaries and to Francis from the provisions of Section 9(a) of the Investment Company Act, to the extent applicable by virtue of an injunction entered against Francis [SEC v. The Starr Broadcasting Group, Inc., Civil Action No. 79-0357, D.D.C. September 4, 1979]. (Rel. IC-16692 - Dec. 14)

OPPENHEIMER CHALLENGER FUND

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until January 9, 1989 to request a hearing on an application filed by Oppenheimer Challenger Fund for an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. (Rel. IC-16693 - Dec. 14)

SELF-REGULATORY ORGANIZATIONS

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

The American Stock Exchange filed a proposed rule change under Rule 19b-4 (SR-Amex-88-10, Amendment No. 3) to supplement the description of physical delivery facilitator activities contained in its proposed EIP Amendment No. 2. Publication of the proposal is expected to be made in the Federal Register during the week of December 19. (Rel. 34-26355)

ACCELERATED APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

The Commission granted accelerated approval to a proposed rule change filed by The Boston Stock Exchange (SR-BSE-88-4) that will be effective for a pilot period ending October 31, 1989. During the pilot period, coordinated circuit breaker procedures will be implemented during volatile market conditions. The proposal provides for a one-hour halt in the trading of stocks if the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) declines 250 points from its previous day's close; a second two-hour closing will occur if the DJIA falls 400 points. (Rel. 34-26357)

SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS

The following registration statements have been filed with the SEC under the Securities Act of 1933. The reported information appears as follows: Form, Name, Address and Phone Number (if available) of the issuer of the security; Title and the number and/or face amount of the securities being offered; Name of the managing underwriter or depositor (if applicable); File number and date filed; Assigned Branch; and a designation if the statement is a New Issue.

- S-3 PHILIP MORRIS COMPANIES INC, 120 PARK AVE, NEW YORK, NY 10017 (212) 880-5000 (FILE 33-25906 - DEC. 07) (BR. 13)
- S-6 SEARS TAX EXEMPT INVESTMENT TRUST LONG TERM MUN PORT SER 79, TWO WORLD TRADE CNTR, C/O DEAN WITTER REYNOLDS INC, NEW YORK, NY 10048 DEPOSITOR: DEAN WITTER REYNOLDS INC. (FILE 33-25907 - DEC. 08) (BR. 22 - NEW ISSUE)
- S-6 SEARS TAX EXEMPT INVT TR CA MUN PORT INTERM LONG TERM SER 24, TWO WORLD TRADE CNTR, C/O DEAN WITTER REYNOLDS INC, NEW YORK, NY 10048 DEPOSITOR: DEAN WITTER REYNOLDS INC. (FILE 33-25908 - DEC. 08) (BR. 22 - NEW ISSUE)
- S-6 SEARS TAX EXEMPT INVESTMENT TRUST CALIFORNIA MUN PORT SER 53, TWO WORLD TRADE CNTR, C/O DEAN WITTER REYNOLDS INC, NEW YORK, NY 10048 DEPOSITOR: DEAN WITTER REYNOLDS INC. (FILE 33-25909 - DEC. 08) (BR. 22 - NEW ISSUE)
- S-1 DUFF & PHELPS FUNDING CORP, 523 WEST SIXTH ST, STE 1234, LOS ANGELES, CA 90014 (213) 622-2299 - 92,600,000 (\$92,600,000) STRAIGHT BONDS. UNDERWRITER: MERRILL LYNCH CAPITAL MARKETS. (FILE 33-25848 - DEC. 06) (BR. 5 - NEW ISSUE)
- S-11 RANCON DEVELOPMENT FUND VI L P, 27720 JEFFERSON AVE, RANCHO, CA 92390 (714) 676-3660 - 144,930 (\$144,930,000) LIMITED PARTNERSHIP CERTIFICATE. (FILE 33-25935 - DEC. 06) (BR. 6)
- S-8 AMERFORD CORP, 218-01 MERRICK BLVD, JAMAICA, NY 11413 (718) 528-0800 - 200,000 (\$880,000) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-25940 - DEC. 06) (BR. 4)
- N-1A DREYFUS TREASURY PRIME CASH MANAGEMENT, 767 FIFTH AVE, NEW YORK, NY 10153 (212) 230-2130 - INDEFINITE SHARES. (FILE 33-25941 - DEC. 07) (BR. 18 - NEW ISSUE)
- S-1 MCCORMICK COMMODITY FUND III LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, 135 S LASALLE ST STE 2006, C/O MCCORMICK FUTURES MANAGEMENT INC, CHICAGO, IL 60603 (312) 263-3300 - 150,000 (\$15,000,000) LIMITED PARTNERSHIP CERTIFICATE. UNDERWRITER: BATEMAN EICHLER HILL RICHARDS INC. (FILE 33-25942 - DEC. 07) (BR. 11 - NEW ISSUE)
- S-1 RAPITECH SYSTEMS INC, 75 MONTEBELLO RD, MONTEBELLO CORPORATE PARK, SUFFERN, NY 10901 (914) 368-3000 - 1,237,185 (\$1,643,137) COMMON STOCK. 85,100 (\$106,375) COMMON STOCK. 690,000 (\$690,000) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-25943 - DEC. 07) (BR. 9)
- N-2 AMERICAN GOVERNMENT TERM TRUST INC, PIPER JAFFRAY TWR, 222 S NINTH ST, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402 (612) 342-6426 - 6,900,000 (\$69,000,000) COMMON STOCK. UNDERWRITER: PIPER JAFFRAY & HOPWOOD INC. (FILE 33-25944 - DEC. 07) (BR. 16 - NEW ISSUE)
- S-8 BOATMENS BANCSHARES INC /MO, 100 N BROADWAY, ST LOUIS, MO 63102 (314) 425-7527 - 171,516 (\$2,941,499.40) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-25945 - DEC. 07) (BR. 1)
- S-8 HUNT MANUFACTURING CO, 230 S BROAD ST, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102 (215) 732-7700 - 415,000 (\$11,437,400) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-25947 - DEC. 07) (BR. 2)
- S-8 HOWTEK INC, 21 PARK AVE, HUDSON, NH 03051 (603) 882-5200 - 861,085 (\$10,739,961.70) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-25948 - DEC. 07) (BR. 9)
- S-8 UNITED BRANDS CO, ONE E 4TH ST, CINCINNATI, OH 45202 (513) 579-2115 - 751,200 (\$10,374,072) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-25950 - DEC. 07) (BR. 3)
- S-3 NATURES SUNSHINE PRODUCTS INC, 1655 N MAIN ST, P O BOX 1000, SPANISH FORK, UT 84660 (801) 798-9861 - 505,104 (\$3,567,550) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-25951 - DEC. 07) (BR. 4)
- S-1 REX PT HOLDINGS INC, 4701 W GREENFIELD AVE, MILWAUKEE, WI 53214 (414) 643-3000 - 9,560,000 (\$54,000,000) PREFERRED STOCK. 7,400,000 (\$185,000,000) PREFERRED STOCK. 1,440,000 (\$36,000,000) PREFERRED STOCK. 250,000,000 (\$250,000,000) STRAIGHT BONDS. (FILE 33-25967 - DEC. 07) (BR. 9 - NEW ISSUE)
- S-1 DUMAC CORP, 4835 LBJ FRWY, STE 665, DALLAS, TX 75244 (214) 490-9865 - 600,000 (\$600,000) COMMON STOCK. 600,000 (\$1,200,000) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-25968 - DEC. 06)
- S-6 INSURED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES TRUST 41ST DISCOUNT SER & SR 14, 245 PARK AVE, C/O BEAR STEARNS & CO INC, NEW YORK, NY 10167 - INDEFINITE SHARES. DEPOSITOR: BEAR STEARNS & CO INC. (FILE 33-25978 - DEC. 07) (BR. 16 - NEW ISSUE)
- S-8 INTER REGIONAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC, 100 DAIN TOWER, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402 (612) 371-7750 - 1,500,000 (\$8,625,000) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-25979 - DEC. 07) (BR. 12)

- S-8 PERSONAL COMPUTER PRODUCTS INC, 11590 W BERNARDO CT STE 100, SAN DIEGO, CA 92127 (619) 485-8411 - 660,000 (\$3,382,500) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-25980 - DEC. 07) (BR. 10)
- S-8 AEQUITRON MEDICAL INC, 14800 28TH AVE NORTH, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55447 (612) 557-9200 - 300,000 (\$993,750) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-25981 - DEC. 07) (BR. 8)
- S-3 THERMO ENVIRONMENTAL CORP, 101 FIRST AVE, PO BOX 9046, WALTHAM, MA 02254 (617) 622-1000 - 2,074,973 (\$16,330,037.51) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-25982 - DEC. 08) (BR. 6)
- S-8 ATLANTIS GROUP INC /DE/, 2665 S BAYSHORE DR STE 801, MIAMI, FL 33133 (305) 858-2200 - 675,000 (\$3,375,000) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-25983 - DEC. 07) (BR. 5)
- S-11 NET 2 L P, 299 S STATE ST, DOVER, DE 19901 (212) 702-0260 - 1,000,000 (\$100,000,000) LIMITED PARTNERSHIP CERTIFICATE. (FILE 33-25984 - DEC. 07) (BR. 6 - NEW ISSUE)
- N-2 EQUUS CAPITAL PARTNERS LP, 2929 ALLEN PKWY, STE 2500, HOUSTON, TX 77019 (713) 529-0900 - 150,000 (\$150,000,000) LIMITED PARTNERSHIP CERTIFICATE. UNDERWRITER: EQUUS SECURITIES INC. (FILE 33-25985 - DEC. 07) (BR. 16 - NEW ISSUE)
- S-3 SERVICE CORP INTERNATIONAL, 1929 ALLEN PKWY, PO BOX 13548, HOUSTON, TX 77019 (713) 522-5141 - 100,000 (\$100,000,000) PREFERRED STOCK. (FILE 33-25986 - DEC. 08) (BR. 5)
- S-8 CADNET IX CORP, 5775 FLATIRON PKWY, BOULDER, CO 80301 (303) 444-8075 - 1,500,000 (\$12,465,000) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-25987 - DEC. 08) (BR. 10)
- S-1 RCM TECHNOLOGIES INC, 451 N LACIENEGA BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90048 (213) 657-4670 - 150,000 (\$180,000) COMMON STOCK. 150,000 (\$150,000) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-25988 - DEC. 08) (BR. 10)
- S-8 TOUCHSTONE SOFTWARE CORP /CA/, 909 ELECTRIC AVE STE 207, SEAL BEACH, CA 90740 (213) 598-7746 - 49,409,800 (\$494,098) COMMON STOCK. 25,000,000 (\$250,000) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-25989 - DEC. 08) (BR. 9)
- S-8 OPTICAL SPECIALTIES INC, 4281 TECHNOLOGY DR, FREMONT, CA 94538 (415) 490-6400 - 2,081,004 (\$1,027,262.18) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-25991 - DEC. 08) (BR. 10)
- S-8 SILICON GRAPHICS INC /CA/, 2011 N SHORELINE BLVD, C/O TOM OSWOLD, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94039 (415) 960-1980 - 3,100,000 (\$50,375,000) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-26003 - DEC. 09) (BR. 10)
- S-8 FIGGIE INTERNATIONAL INC /DE/, 4420 SHERWIN RD, WILLOUGHBY, OH 44094 (216) 953-2700 - 150,000 (\$10,987,500) COMMON STOCK. 150,000 (\$13,800,000) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-26004 - DEC. 09) (BR. 5)
- S-8 MEDCO CONTAINMENT SERVICES INC, 1900 POLLITT DR, FAIR LAWN, NJ 07410 (201) 794-9010 - 2,000,000 (\$27,250,000) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-26006 - DEC. 08) (BR. 1)
- S-1 MARYLAND BANK NA, 400 CHRISTIANA RD, NEWARK, DE 19713 (302) 453-9930 - 1,000,000 (\$1,000,000) EQUIPMENT TRUST CERTIFICATES. (FILE 33-26010 - DEC. 08) (BR. 11)
- S-4 WHITE VILLA GROCERS INC, 98 QUALITY LANE, WEST CARROLLTON, OH 45449 (513) 859-5151 - 1,462 (\$146,200) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-26012 - DEC. 09) (BR. 3 - NEW ISSUE)
- S-8 WEYENBERG SHOE MANUFACTURING CO, 234 E RESERVOIR AVE, PO BOX 1188, MILWAUKEE, WI 53201 (414) 374-8900 - 50,000 (\$2,125,000) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-26013 - DEC. 09) (BR. 7)
- S-8 MICROBILT CORP, 6190 POWERS FERRY RD STE 400, ATLANTA, GA 30339 (404) 955-0313 - 585,000 (\$6,288,750) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-26014 - DEC. 09) (BR. 10)
- S-8 DYCOM INDUSTRIES INC, 450 AUSTRALIAN AVE SOUTH, STE 860, WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33401 (407) 659-6301 - 467,438 (\$6,623,181.30) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-26015 - DEC. 09) (BR. 10)
- S-8 MAY DEPARTMENT STORES CO, 611 OLIVE ST, ST LOUIS, MO 63101 (314) 342-6300 - 65,000,000 (\$65,000,000) OTHER SECURITIES INCLUDING VOTING TRUST. (FILE 33-26016 - DEC. 09) (BR. 1)
- S-1 PRESIDENTIAL AIRWAYS INC, 13873 PARK CENTER RD STE 400, HERNDON, VA 22071 (703) 478-5400 - 2,378,330 (\$1,712,398) COMMON STOCK. (FILE 33-26017 - DEC. 09) (BR. 3)