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SIX TROUBLED SAVINGS INSTITUTIONS ADDED TO JOINT REGULATORY OVERSIGHT LIST

Six more troubled savings institutions have been enrolled in the joint regulatory oversight program announced February 6, 1989, by President Bush. This brings to 10 the number of institutions placed in conservatorship under a plan to conserve assets and preserve banking services to their deposit and loan customers until a permanent resolution to their problems can be developed. Basic services will not change and all insured deposits will continue to be protected.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has been designated as "management agent" for these institutions by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation. The program seeks to help develop solutions for FSLIC's inventory of insolvent savings and loan associations. Other regulatory participants in the interagency initiative are the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and the Federal Reserve Board.

The following institutions today were added to the list of those under regulatory oversight:

. First Federal of Arkansas FA, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Assets: \$1.6 billion. Deposits: \$1.2 billion.

. Savers FS & LA, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Assets: \$890.1 million. Deposits: \$809.3 million.

. Sandia FS & LA, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Assets: \$831 million.
Deposits: \$1.143 billion.

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- . Bright Banc, SA, Dallas, Texas. Assets: \$4.66 billion. Deposits: \$3.01 billion.
- . University SA, Houston, Texas. Assets: \$4.65 billion. Deposits: \$3.69 billion.
- . Deseret FS & LA, Salt Lake City, Utah. Assets: \$154.9 million. Deposits: \$182.2 million.

These institutions will continue normal operations while federal regulators determine the extent of their financial difficulties and formulate a permanent plan for an orderly resolution of their problems. Each thrift's existing employees will continue to conduct day-to-day operations.

In operating these conservatorships the FDIC will seek to minimize operating losses, limit growth and ensure that operations are conducted in a safe and sound manner. In addition, the regulators will evaluate alternatives for a cost-effective resolution of each thrift's problems and recommend a proper course of action to be taken when funding becomes available for a permanent solution.

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