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### JAMES O. LEESE NAMED DEPUTY REGIONAL DIRECTOR IN MEMPHIS

The Division of Bank Supervision (DBS) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation today announced the promotion of James O. Leese to Deputy Regional Director in the Memphis Region. Mr. Leese has been Assistant Regional Director in the FDIC's Chicago Office since August 1985.

DBS Director Paul Fritts said: "Jim brings many years of practical management and bank supervisory experience to his new job and I am confident he will continue to perform in an outstanding manner."

Mr. Leese, 47, came to the FDIC in June 1963 as a bank examiner in St. Louis, Missouri. After various assignments as a field examiner, he became field office supervisor in the St. Louis Field Office. Subsequently, he became a review examiner in the Kansas City Regional Office and remained there until becoming Chief Review Examiner in the Omaha Region in February 1984. When the Omaha Regional Office was closed in 1985, he moved to Chicago in the same capacity. He served as Chief Review Examiner in Chicago until August 1985, when he was promoted to Assistant Regional Director.

Mr. Leese is a graduate of Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, Missouri, with a degree in accounting, and of The Stonier Graduate School of Banking. He and his wife, Linda, have one son, Michael, who is a student at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana.

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