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JAMES O. LEESE NAMED ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR FDIC'S CHICAGO REGION

The Division of Bank Supervision (DBS) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation today announced the promotion of James O. Leese to Assistant Regional Director in the Chicago Region effective August 11, 1985. Mr. Leese was Chief Review Examiner for the Region at the time of his selection.

DBS Director Robert V. Shumway said: "Mr. Leese's long career as an examiner, field office supervisor and review examiner has prepared him well for his new responsibilities. We are fortunate to have a person of his ability and experience to promote to this challenging position."

Mr. Leese, 44, came to the FDIC in June of 1963 as a bank examiner in St. Louis, Missouri. After various assignments as a field examiner and review examiner in the Regional Office, he became field office supervisor in the St. Louis Field Office in 1983 and remained there until becoming Chief Review Examiner in the Omaha Region in February of 1985. When the Omaha Regional Office was closed in July 1985, he moved to Chicago in the same capacity.

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 at Rutgers University. He and his wife, Linda, have one child.

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