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FDIC ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF THREE ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation today announced the appointment of three new Assistant Regional Directors. Nicholas J. Ketcha, Jr. will be assigned to New York; Kenneth L. Walker to Philadelphia; and John F. Gayton to the Columbus Region. All three appointments become effective during April.

Mr. Ketcha was a Review Examiner (EDP) in the New York Region, Mr. Walker was Chief Review Examiner in the Omaha Region, and Mr. Gayton Chief Review Examiner in Philadelphia prior to their promotions.

James L. Sexton, Director of the Division of Bank Supervision, said: "These three individuals are thoroughly capable bank regulators who will bring to their new positions a considerable amount of experience and an impressive record of success."

Mr. Ketcha came to the FDIC as an examiner trainee in 1965 in the New York Region and spent his entire career in the Region except for a break for service with the U.S. Navy (1967-1969), and one year as a participant in the President's Executive Exchange Program with Tenneco, Inc., in Houston, Texas (1979-1980). He became a Review Examiner in 1970 and Review Examiner (EDP) in 1978. He was Acting Assistant Regional Director in the New York Region from September 1982 to January 1983.

Mr. Ketcha, 39, is a native of Archbald, Pennsylvania. He is a graduate (cum laude) of the University of Scranton, Scranton, Pennsylvania, with a BS

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in Business Management, and of The Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University. He and his wife, the former Marianne Farrell of Archbald, have two daughters.

Mr. Walker came to the FDIC as an examiner trainee in Lincoln, Nebraska, in 1968 and later worked in field offices in Nebraska and Iowa. He was the Field Office Supervisor in the Lincoln, Nebraska, Field Office in 1975 and in the Omaha Field Office in 1979. He became Chief Review Examiner in the Omaha Region in 1981.

Mr. Walker, 42, is a native of Lincoln, Nebraska. He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska with a BS in Business and Economics, and of the Graduate and Post-Graduate Schools of Banking at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. He and his wife, the former Nancy Herzer of Rimbey, Alberta, Canada, have two daughters.

Mr. Gayton came to the Corporation in 1964 as an examiner trainee in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Field Office. He became a commissioned examiner in 1967, and, in 1973, moved to Philadelphia as a Review Examiner. He was named Field Office Supervisor in Philadelphia in 1979, and Chief Review Examiner in the Philadelphia Region in 1980.

Mr. Gayton, 47, is a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, with a BS in Accounting. He also is a graduate of the National Graduate Trust School at Northwestern University. He and his wife, the former Judith Rectenwald of Pittsburgh, have two daughters.

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