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FDIC NAMES NEW REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF KANSAS CITY DOS OFFICE

James O. Leese has been promoted to Regional Director of the Kansas City Region of the FDIC's Division of Supervision. Leese has been Deputy Regional Director of the FDIC's Memphis Regional Office since July 1988.

John W. Stone, Director of the DOS, said: "Jim has performed in an outstanding manner and I have every confidence in his proven ability to handle the important job of Regional Director."

Leese, 51, 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 was 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, Leese moved to Chicago in the same capacity. He served as Chief Review Examiner in Chicago until August 1985, when he was named Assistant Regional Director. In July 1988, he was promoted to Deputy Regional Director in Memphis.

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, of Chicago.

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