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FDIC TO PAY OFF INSURED DEPOSITORS IN THE FINANCIAL CENTER BANK, N.A., SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has approved paying off insured depositors in The Financial Center Bank, N.A., San Francisco, California. The bank, with total assets of \$242.7 million, was closed on Monday, May 4, 1992, by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and the FDIC was named receiver.

The FDIC Board of Directors determined that a payoff of insured depositors was required because none of the bids received met the FDIC cost test.

Deposits in about 6,500 accounts totaled about \$226.3 million, including about \$17.0 million in 184 accounts that exceeded the federal insurance limit of \$100,000. Deposits up to the \$100,000 insurance limit will be available to their owners beginning at 2 p.m. (PDT), on Wednesday, May 6, 1992. Out-of-area and brokered deposits will be mailed beginning May 7, 1992. The failed bank's Mountain View branch at 401 Castro St. will reopen at 2 p.m. (PDT) on May 6, 1992.

The Board of Directors also voted to make an advance payment to unsecured creditors, including uninsured depositors, equal to 45 percent of the uninsured claims. The payment is based on the estimated present value of assets to be liquidated. If actual collections on the assets exceed this estimate, on a present value basis, uninsured depositors ultimately will receive additional payments on their claim. Uninsured depositors and nondepositor creditors will share proportionately with the FDIC in proceeds realized from liquidation of the failed bank's assets.

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