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Advisory Letter

Subject: SEC Action Against Robert L. Bentley, Entrust Group, and Bentley Financial Services, Inc.

Date: October 30, 2001

TO: Chief Executive Officers of National Banks, Federal Branches and Agencies, Department and Division Heads, and Examining Personnel

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Office of Thrift Supervision, and the National Credit Union Administration have issued the attached, "Joint Agency Release on SEC Action Against Robert L. Bentley, Entrust Group, and Bentley Financial Services, Inc." This joint release notifies all financial institutions that the Securities and Exchange Commission has filed suit against the above-named defendants for suspected securities fraud and has obtained a Temporary Restraining Order to freeze the defendants' assets and appoint a receiver to take control over the defendants' assets until further order of the court.

All OCC-supervised institutions that hold any funds or other assets in the name of or for the benefit of the above-named defendants should immediately take action to ensure compliance with the attached Temporary Restraining Order. Further, any OCC-supervised institutions that have invested funds through Bentley Financial Services, Robert L. Bentley, or Entrust Group should confer with counsel on the appropriate course of action to follow. The court-appointed receiver is named in the attached joint release. The receiver's telephone number has been updated. Please be advised that the receiver now may be reached at Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads, LLP, 123 South Broad St., Philadelphia PA 19101, and by telephone at (215) 772-7434.

Questions about the proper accounting and risk-rating treatment of outstanding investments or placement of funds made through Bentley Financial Services, Robert L. Bentley, or Entrust Group may be directed to your institution's assistant deputy comptroller.

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Attachment