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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[17 CFR Part 275] [Release No. IA-601; S7-712]

INVESTMENT ADVISER DISCLOSURE AND RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS

Solicitation of Public Comments

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rules.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this document is to solicit public comments on proposed rules under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 ("Act") which would require registered investment advisers to furnish their clients and prospective clients with written disclosure statements containing certain specified information, and to maintain a copy of such written statements as part of their books and records. In the absence of such a requirement, clients and prospective clients of registered investment advisers may not receive certain information which would assist them in evaluating and comparing advisory firms.

DATE: Comments must be received on or before September 30, 1977.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit their views and comments in triplicate to George A. Fitzsimmons, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 500 North Capitol Street, Washington, D.C. 20549. All submissions will be made available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Reference Section, Room 6101, 1100 L Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005 and should refer to oFile No. S7-712.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CON-TACT:

Michael Berenson, Esq., Office of the Chief Counsel, Division of Investment Management, Securities and Exchange Commission, 500 North Capitol Street, Washington, D.C. 20549, 202–376–8056.

INFORMATION: SUPPLEMENTARY On March 5, 1975, the Commission issued a notice (Investment Advisers Act Release No. 442) (40 FR 11897, March 14, 1975) that it had under consideration the adoption of new Rule 206(4)-4 (17 CFR 275.206(4)-4) ("brochure rule") and new paragraph (14) of Rule 204-2(a) (17 CFR 275.204-2(a)(14)) under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80b-1 et seq.) ("Act"). The Commission has considered the public comments received in response to that notice, has made certain modifications of the rules and now believes that it is appropriate to resolicit public comments on the brochure rule which is designed to ensure that investment advisers provide certain key information to clients and prospective clients to assist them in evaluating and comparing advisory firms. The proposed rule, which was originally published for comment as Rule 206(4) - 4, has been reproposed pursuant to Section 204 (15 U.S.C. 80b-4) and section 206

(15 U.S.C. 80b-6) and is now designated Rule 204-4 (17 CFR 275.204-4).

In general, the rule is similar to that proposed for comment; the significant differences are that the new rule would apply only to those advisers registered or required to be registered, that it would require a current balance sheet to be included in the disclosure and that advisers could satisfy the rule by delivering their Form ADV (17 CFR 279.1) (as amended) rather than a special disclosure statement. This latter change is being proposed in conjunction with pro-posed revisions of the Form ADV (Investment Advisers Act Release No. 602) intended to make that document more informative. It is primarily because of this change that the "brochure rule" is being reproposed for comment rather than adopted at this time.

The Commission anticipates that the written statements required by the rule may be used by investment advisers as part of their advertising. In fact, the disclosure statements are "advertisements" as that term is used in Rule 206(4)-1 (17 CFR 275.206(4)-1) under the Act and therefore are subject to the provisions of that rule. The rule, as reproposed, does not contain a general antifraud provision of the type in the original rule since it appears to be unnecessary to prohibit in the rule conduct which is already proscribed by Rule 206(4)-1. The rule is intended to set forth those disclosures which all written statements must include. Of course, there will be many cases where special disclosure is required by the antifraud rules, depending on the facts. Compliance with the brochure rule would not necessarily be compliance with the antifraud provisions.

In addition, investment advisers are encouraged to include any additional information which they believe will assist clients and prospective clients in understanding and evaluating the material contained in the written statement. For example, an investment adviser might wish to supplement the maximum accounts per account manager information required by paragraph (e) (2) (ii) of Rule 204-4 to indicate, among other things, the amount of computerization in the advisory process or the role individuals other than account managers play in the process. However, if such supplementary information becomes materially inaccurate, Section 206 and Rule 206(4)-1 thereunder would prohibit the investment adviser from continuing to distribute a brochure containing such information. Moreover. the investment adviser may have an obligation under Section 206 to bring such material inaccuracies to the attention of those clients who received a brochure containing such inaccuracies.

GENERAL PROVISION OF THE RULE

Paragraph (a) of Rule 204-4 set forth the general requirement that an investment adviser registered under the Act or required to be registered must furnish each of its clients and prospective clients with a disclosure statement complying with the rule, unless it is entitled to, one

of the exemptions in paragraph (g) of the rule. Paragraph (a) also states that an investment adviser, in lieu of a specially prepared written statement, may deliver a copy of the Act's registration form, Form ADV, which complies with Rule 204-1(b) (17 CFR 275.204-1(b)) under the Act. Allowing investment advisers to use their Form ADV as their disclosure statement should afford investment advisers an opportunity to reduce significantly the cost of complying with the rule. Investment advisers would be able to duplicate and distribute an existing document rather than being required to prepare a disclosure statement specifically designed to meet the rule's requirements. Since the Commission's proposed revisions of Form ADV will expand the scope of Form ADV so that it will include all the information which would be required by the rule, clients and prospective clients of investment advisers who elect to furnish a copy of their Form ADV should have the same information at their disposal as clients and prospective clients of investment advisers who prepare a separate document specifically written to comply with the rule. The Commission is particularly interested in public comments on the advisability of permitting investment advisers to use their Form ADV as their written disclosure statement.

TIME OF DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS

Paragraph (b) of the rule requires that investment advisers furnish a written disclosure statement to every client and prospective client not less than 48 hours prior to entering into any investment advisory contract with such person. The 48 hour period is designed to afford clients and prospective clients an opportunity to consider carefully the disclosures contained in the written statements. The requirement of the rule as first proposed that disclosure statements be furnished each time an investment advisory contract is extended or renewed has been eliminated; this should be unnecessary in light of the new requirement to notify clients or prospective clients of material changes in the statement delivered.

In order to provide full disclosure to existing clients at the time the rule becomes effective, paragraph (b) would require all investment advisers to furnish a written statement to all clients with whom an investment advisory contract is in effect on the effective date of the rule.

Paragraph (b) (2) of the rule provides investment advisers with an exemption from the 48 hour prior delivery requirement under certain conditions. This exemption, which does not apply to contracts for investment supervisory services or account management services, is designed for those investment advisers who provide periodic publications or reports on a subscription basis. The 48 hour prior delivery requirement would unnecessarily disrupt the normal marketing procedure for such services. Thus, the adviser may furnish written statements to clients purchasing such services not later than 30 days after the client has entered into the investment advisory contract, pro-

vided that the client is able to rescind the advisory contract without penalty within five business days after the client has received the written statement.

The investment advisory contract which triggers the requirement to furnish a written disclosure statement need not be formal or in writing. Any arrangement or understanding pursuant to which investment advice is to be furnished for compensation by an investment adviser to a client would require compliance with the rule unless an exemption is available. However, the rule would not apply where investment advice is furnished under circumstances in which an adviser has no contractual relationship of any kind with the recipients of the advice, such as an author of a book or an adviser appearing on radio or television.

AMENDED OR REVISED STATEMENTS

The Commission received a number of comments on what procedures the rule should require if information specified by the rule becomes materially false or misleading, or if the written statement omits any material information required by the rule. Paragraph (c) of the proposed rule provides that if any client has received a written statement and any information therein becomes materially inaccurate or incomplete, the adviser must furnish correcting information in writing to such individuals within specified time limits. With respect to existing clients, the adviser must furnish any necessary correcting information within 45 days of the date on which the earlier statement becomes deficient unless the client's advisory contract is due for extension or renewal during the 45 day period. In that case, such client must be treated as though he were a client entering an initial investment advisory contract. Stickers may be used as a means of updating disclosure statements. Alternatively, some investment advisers may wish to furnish their written statements in looseleaf form so that they can amend their disclosures by furnishing new pages to replace old ones.

CONTENTS OF THE WRITTEN DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Paragraph (d) of the rule sets forth those items of disclosure which must be covered in every written disclosure statement required by the rule. Generally, these disclosures fall into the following categories: services offered; advisory procedures and practices; qualifications of personnel; advisory fees; and affiliations with broker-dealers. As a general guideline, the disclosures in paragraph (d) should relate only to the investment adviser's usual practice in the area being described unless otherwise indicated. However, any exceptions of a material nature relating to a particular client or transaction would, of course, have to be separately disclosed to the affected persons pursuant to the antifraud provisions in Section 206 of the Act.

There are two areas of disclosure that were not included in the rule as originally proposed. Paragraph (d) (10) paralles question 24 of Form ADV and requests information concerning the investment adviser's policy with respect to securities transactions with clients or in securities recommended to clients. Although some of this information will be specifically disclosed to clients pursuant to section 206(3) (15 U.S.C. 80b-6(3)) of the Act and the rules thereunder, general disclosure of the advisers' intentions and usual practices in this area should be of interest to prospective clients.

Paragraph (d)(11) requires the adviser to include a current balance sheet in its disclosure statement. The Commission believes that clients and prospective clients should be given the opportunity to assess the extent to which an investment adviser has the financial capability to perform the services which it undertakes to provide. Such disclosure is particularly significant when an adviser is in precarious financial condition. Such a situation may present material risks that clients' prepaid fees may be lost or that their investment programs may be disrupted in the event of the adviser's insolvency or inability to continue its business. Thus, in several recent cases, the Commission has found it necessary to take enforcement action based on the antifraud provisions in Section 206 of the Act when advisers solicited clients while their financial condition was impaired without disclosing that there was a material risk that they might be unable to meet their contractual commitments. It is expected that requiring certain minimal financial disclosures to be included in the written disclosure statements required by Rule 204-4 will enable clients and prospective clients to make an informed evaluation of an adviser's financial condition before entering into an advisory contract.

The Commission recognizes that there are many types of investment advisers and that one form of balance sheet for all may be too limiting. Thus, comment is specifically requested on the question of which accounts should be reflected in the balance sheet required by the proposed rule. In addition, there are several other related questions on which the Commission particularly wishes to receive public comments:

1. Would it be appropriate to exempt certain classes of investment advisers from the balance sheet requirement and, if so, which classes should be exempted?

2a. Should the rule require audited balance sheets from either all investment advisers or certain classes of investment advisers, e.g., those who provide account management services or those with more than a specified amount of assets under management?

2b. If audited balance sheets are not required, should those investment advisers who otherwise have audited balance sheets prepared be required to use such audited balance sheets?

3. If audited balance sheets are not required, should investment advisers be required to prepare their balance sheets in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles? If yes, what difficulties, if any, would arise because of the different accounting principles and practices applicable to the preparation of balance sheets by investment advisers who operate in corporate form, as partnerships and as sole proprietorships?

4. What additional costs will be imposed on investment advisers as a result of this proposed requirement? Will investment advisers be required to maintain any records in addition to those already required by Rule 204-2 (17 CFR 275.204-2) under the Act in order to comply with this proposed requirement?

5. Should investment advisers be required to present any other financial statements in addition to a balance sheet, e.g., an income statement or a statement of changes in financial position?

The proposal would require that the balance sheet be current as of a date not more than fifteen months prior to its distribution. Of course, if the adviser's financial condition changes materially after the balance sheet is prepared, the adviser would be subject to the provisions of paragraph (c) of Rule 204-4 which deals with "Amended or Revised Statements."

The remaining disclosures required by proposed paragraph (d) are similar in most respects to those earlier proposed for comment. Some changes have been made in response to comments, however. For example, paragraph (d) (6) as proposed would have required education and business background disclosures for each of the adviser's personnel who makes final decisions on which securities are recommended or to which clients particular recommendations will be given. In response to comments, the Commis-sion has limited the scope of paragraph (d) (6) to the members of the adviser's investment committee or similar body. The Commission is seeking education and business background disclosures for those individuals who determine a firm's overall investment philosophy, its attitude at any given time towards the securities markets in general and towards specific securities, and its general policy on how advisory accounts with particular objectives should be invested. Also in response to certain comments, the Commission has deleted certain of the numerical disclosures which would have been required by the rule as proposed, including the length of time the adviser has been in business and the number of advisory personnel in the adviser's organization.

Some commentators expressed confusion at the meaning of the term "investment techniques" which was in paragraph (b) (4) of the original rule and is in paragraph (d) (4) of the new proposal. A description of "investment techniques" would include general descriptions of the ways of investing in the securities markets investment advisers use for their clients; whether, for example, they write call options against securities in accounts they are managing, engage in margin transactions or other leveraging techniques, arbitrage or effect other transactions involving sales of borrowed securities, or limit their advice to cash transactions involving the

purchase and sale of securities. However, the Commission is not seeking a description of any method which might be considered a proprietary secret.

Paragraph (e) of the proposed rule requires additional disclosures in the written statements furnished by investment advisers who provide either discretionary or nondiscretionary account management services. These requirements relate, generally, to information concerning ing procedures for the management of clients' securities accounts. Paragraph (e) (1) has been expanded to require a description of any conditions the adviser imposes to maintain as well as to establish an investment advisory account.

Paragraphs (e)(3) and (e)(4) seek specific information concerning the factors the investment adviser considers when choosing a broker or dealer to execute a client transaction or making a securities selection for a client. An answer to paragraph (e) (3) might indicate, for example, that the investment adviser considers commission costs, execution capabilities, research materials provided, client referrals or various other factors in selecting a broker or dealer to execute a transaction. In response to paragraph (e) (4), the factors might include, among others, the client's age, income, marital status and family obligations. retirement plans, tax bracket, other investments and insurance.

OMISSION OF INAPPLICABLE INFORMATION

Paragraph (f) of the proposed rule permits an investment adviser to omit from its disclosure statement the information required by paragraphs (4) through (8) of paragraph (d), or by paragraph (e), if such information is inapplicable to the service being offered. However, the rule is structured so that the investment adviser would be required in all cases to include certain basic information about his organization. Moreover, if the client or prospective client subsequently decides to receive a service which was not covered by the original disclosure statement, the adviser would be required to deliver the previously omitted information within the time limits set by paragraph (b).

EXEMPTIONS FROM THE RULE

Paragraph (g) sets forth two categories of investment advisory contracts which can be entered into without furnishing a disclosure statement. The first is a contract with an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-1 et seq.) which meets the requirements of section 15(c) of that Act (15 U.S.C. 80a-15(c)). Since the board of directors of an investment company is required to receive extensive disclosures from the fund's adviser pursuant to section 15(c), subjecting the contract between the investment adviser and the investment company to the requirements of the rule would appear to be unnecessarily duplicative. The second exemption is for onetime trial subscriptions to periodic publications which last for no more than three months and cost no more than \$50.

Paragraph (h) of the rule makes it

clear that the rule is not intended to relieve investment advisers of any other disclosure obligations they may have pursuant to the Act, the other federal securities laws, or applicable state law.

PROPOSED RULE 204-2(a) (14)

Proposed Rule 204-2(a) (14), which is identical to the paragraph as proposed originally, would require that a copy of each disclosure statement and amendment that is given to any client or prospective client be kept as part of the adviser's records, and that records be made of when such statements were used.

AUTHORITY

Rule 204-4 and paragraph (14) of Rule 204-2(a) would be adopted pursuant to the authority contained in sections 204, 206(4), and 211(a) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 80b-4, 80b-6(4) and 80b-11(a)).

PART 275-RULES AND REGULATIONS, INVESTMENT ADVISORS ACT OF 1940

I. It is proposed to amend Part 275 of Chapter II of Title 17 of the Code of Federal Registrations by adding new § 275.204-4 as follows:

§ 275.204-4 Written disclosure statements.

(a) General requirement. Unless an exemption is available pursuant to paragraph (g) of this section, an investment adviser registered or required to be registered pursuant to section 203 of the Act shall, in accordance with the provisions of this section, furnish each client and prospective client with a written disclosure statement which may be either in the form of a written document containing at least the information required by paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section or a copy of its Form ADV which complies with § 275.204-1(b) under the Act.

(b) Time of delivery. (1) An investment adviser shall furnish the statement required by this section to a prospective client not less than 48 hours prior to entering into any written or oral investment advisory contract with such prospective client, except that an investment adviser shall furnish such statement on or before the effective date of this rule to every client with whom an investment advisory contract is in effect on such date.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (b)(1) of this section, in the case of contracts with clients relating solely to investment advisory services other than investment supervisory services (as defined in section 202(a)(13) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 80b-2(a) (13))) or the management of investment advisory accounts for clients under circumstances not involving investment supervisory services, the investment adviser may furnish the statement to such client not later than 30 days after entering into such contract if the contract provides that it may be rescinded without penalty within five business days after the client has received the statement.

(3) For purposes of this paragraph, the term "entering into" in reference to an investment advisory contract shall not include an extension or renewal of any such contract which is in effect immediately prior to such extension or renewal.

(c) Amended or revised statements. If any client, or any prospective client who becomes a client, has received a statement and any information therein thereafter becomes materially inaccurate or incomplete, the investment adviser shall furnish to each such person, through an amended or revised statement or other written communication, such information as is necessary to correct any such deficiency. Such information shall be furnished at the following times: (1) With respect to an existing client, within 45 days of the date on which the event occurs or, if an investment advisory contract with such client is extended or renewed within such 45-day period, at the applicable time set forth in paragraph (b) of this section as though such extension or renewal constituted entering into an investment advisory contract; and (2) With respect to a prospective client, at the applicable time set forth in paragraph (b) of this section.

(d) Contents of written statements. The statement required by this rule shall disclose the following:

disclose the following: (1) The type or types of services which the investment adviser generally offers to clients, including, but not limited to, investment supervisory services, the management of securities accounts for clients under circumstances not involving investment supervisory services, or the issuance, on a subscription basis, of periodic publications relating to securities.

(2) The type or types of clients for which the investment adviser generally orovides investment advice, including. but not limited to, individuals or specified classes of individuals, investment companies, pension and profit-sharing plans and banks;

(3) The types of securities concerning which the investment adviser generally provides investment advice;

(4) A general description of (i) The sources of information, including reference materials, used by the investment adviser as the basis for investment advice rendered to clients, (ii) The general method or methods of securities analysis employed by the investment adviser to analyze or evaluate such information, and (iii) The investment techniques for investing in the securities markets recommended or used to implement any investment advice rendered to clients:

(5) The general standards of education and business background which the investment adviser requires of persons associated with the investment adviser (other than persons whose functions are solely clerical or ministerial) whose functions or duties relate to providing investment advice to clients;

(6) (i) The formal education after high school and business background for the preceding ten years of each member of the investment adviser's investment committee or similar group, if any, which determines or approves what investment advice shall generally be rendered by the

investment adviser to any client, or to which clients such investment advice shall be rendered, or (ii) In the absence of an investment committee or similar committee, the formal education after high school and business background for the past ten years of each person associated with the investment adviser who determines or approves what investment advice shall be rendered by the investment adviser to any client, or to which clients such investment advice shall be rendered:

(7) (1) The basis or bases of fees charged for the services which the investment adviser provides and when such fees are payable, and (ii) If such fees are payable prior to the rendering of the services relating thereto, a statement as to whether, to what extent and under what conditions such fees will be refunded to clients:

(8) The procedures and conditions, if any, pursuant to which the investment adviser or any client of the investment advisory contract prior to the termination date set forth in the contract; and

(9) (i) That the investment adviser is a broker or dealer, if such is the case, or (ii) If he is affiliated with any broker or dealer, the nature of such affiliation, and the business relationship, if any, between such broker or dealer and the investment adviser.

Note:—Pursuant to section 202(a)(12) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 80b-2(a)(12)), the term "affiliated person" has the same meaning as in section 2(a)(3) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-2(a)(3)).

(10) (i) If any of the following is anplicable, that the investment adviser as principal sells securities to or buys securities from any client; effects securities transactions as broker or agent for any client; as broker or agent for any person other than a client sells securities to or buys securities from clients; recommends to clients the purchase or sale of securities in which the investment adviser has a position or interest; and/or im-poses any restrictions upon itself or any person associated with it when effecting transactions for its or their account in securities recommended to clients, and (ii) the nature of such practices or restrictions.

(11) A balance sheet, current as of a date not more than fifteen months prior to its distribution.

(e) Additional disclosures for certain advisers. If the investment adviser provides investment supervisory services (as defined in section 202(a) (13) of the Act) or manages investment advisory accounts for clients under circumstances not involving investment supervisory services, the statement required by this rule shall include the following information in addition to that required by paragraph (d) of this section.

(1) The minimum dollar amount of assets and any other conditions generally required by the investment adviser to establish and maintain an investment advisory account;

(2) (i) Whether and to what extent the investment adviser may have discretionary authority to purchase or sell securities for the accounts of clients without obtaining the consents of the client before such transactions are effected; and (ii) The maximum number of investment advisory accounts with respect to which any one individual associated with the investment adviser may act as portfolio or account manager:

PROPOSED RULES

(3) Whether and to what extent the investment adviser may have discretionary authority to select brokers or dealers to execute transactions in securities for its clients or for the accounts of its clients, and, if so, the specific factors;

(4) The specific factors relating to the circumstances of any client which the investment adviser considers in making recommendation to, or effecting transactions for, such client; and

(5) (i) A description of the adviser's organizational structure, including a brief description of the role of each principal department in the organization in the usual process of arriving at investment decisions or recommendations for clients, (ii) A brief general description of the process pursuant to which the investment adviser reviews each investment advisory account including, but not limited to, the type of personnel performing the review, factors which trigger reviews, the sequence in which accounts are reviewed and the matters reviewed, and (iii) . The frequency and nature of any reports furnished to clients concerning their investment advisory accounts.

(f) Omission of inapplicable information. If an investment adviser renders substantially different types of investment advisory services to its clients, any information required by paragraphs (d) (4) through (8) of this section or by paragraph (e) of this section may be omitted from the statement furnished to a client or prospective client if such information is applicable only to a type of investment advisory service which is not rendered or proposed to be rendered to that client or prospective client; provided, however, that no contract shall be entered into which relates to any type of investment advisory service as to which information has been omitted pursuant to this paragraph unless such information is furnished in writing to the client or prospective client at the applicable time set forth in paragraph (b) of this section.

(g) *Exemptions*. The statement required by this rule need not be furnished in connection with entering into the following investment advisory contracts:

(1) A contract with an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 which meets the requirements of section 15(c) of that Act; or

(2) A contract for a one-time trial subscription to a periodic publication for a period of not more than three months at a total cost to the subscriber of not more than \$50.

(h) Other disclosures. Nothing in this rule shall relieve any investment adviser

from any obligation pursuant to any provision of the Act or the rules and regulations thereunder or other federal or state law to disclose any information to its clients or prospective clients not specifically required by this rule.

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II. It is proposed to amend Part 275 of Chapter II of Title 17 of the Code of Federal Regulations by adding new paragraph (a) (14) to § 275.204-2 as follows:

§ 275.204–2 Books and records to be maintained by investment advisers.

(a) Every investment adviser who makes use of the mails or of any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce in connection with his or its business as an investment adviser (other than one specifically exempted from registration pursuant to section 203(b) of the Act) shall make and keep true, accurate and current the following books and records relating to his investment advisory business:

(14) A copy of each written statement and each amendment or revision thereof, given or sent to any client or prospective client of such investment adviser in accordance with the provisions of Rule 204-4 under the Act, and a record of the first and last dates that each written statement, and each amendment or revision thereof, was given to any client or prospective client.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Persons wishing to make written comments should file three copies thereof with George A. Fitzsimmons, Secretary of the Commission, Room 892, 500 North Capitol Street, Washington, D.C. 20549, not later than September 30, 1977. In filing such submissions, commentators should make reference to Commission File No. S7-712. Copies of all submissions will be made available in the Commission's Public Reference Section, Room 6101, 1100 L Street NW., Washington, D.C. 20005.

By the Commission.

GEORGE A. FITZSIMMONS, Secretary.

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APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AND ANNUAL FILINGS

Solicitation of Public Comment

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rules and forms.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this document is to solicit public comments on (1) proposed revisions of the form used by applicants for registration under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 ("Act"), which would expand the information currently required by the form, reflect certain statutory changes, and correct

certain ambiguities; and (2) a proposed new form which would be used for a proposed annual filing with the Commission by registered investment advisers. These changes in the forms registered investment advisers file with the Commission are prompted by the Commission's interest in improving the efficiency of its program of investment adviser regulation.

In addition, this document solicits public comments on proposed revisions of a rule under the Act which prescribes when a registered investment adviser must file amendments to its registration form and when the proposed new form would be filed.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CON-TACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission is proposing to amend its Form ADV (17 CFR 279.1), the registration form under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C., 80b-I et seq.) ("Act") for investment advisers. At the same time, the Commission is proposing Form ADV-S (17 CFR 279.3) which would require registered investment advisers to make an annual filing which would provide certain information on a current basis.

REVISIONS OF FORM ADV

The principal reasons for the proposed revisions of Form ADV are (1) to request additional information authorized by the Securities Acts Amendments of 1975 ("1975 Amendments"), (2) to add a new Schedule G to Form ADV so that it can be used as a uniform investment adviser registration form by the Commission and those states which require investment advisers to register, (3) to seek additional information about registered advisers and the basic characteristics of the investment advisory industry, and (4) to correct certain ambiguities which currently are present in Form ADV. In addition, integrating the disclosure requirements of the Form ADV and the proposed "brochure" rule (proposed proposed "brochure" rule (proposed Rule 204-4 (17 CFR 275.204-4), Advisers Act Release No. 601) should allow the Commission to obtain additional infomation without significant additional burden on the adviser.

The 1975 Amendments amended section 203(e) (15 U.S.C. 80b-3(e)) of the Act to expand the enumerated grounds which can serve as the basis for a denial of an application for registration or the revocation of the registration of an investment adviser. Therefore, revised Form ADV contains questions pertaining to such grounds. To assist with the Commission's regulatory program in general, the form also includes a new question covering disciplinary actions taken by any self-regulatory organization.

The 1975 Amendments also added a new section 203(c) (1) (D) (15 U.S.C. 80b-3(c) (1) (D)) which permits the Commission to require in Form ADV "a balance sheet certified by an independent public accountant and other financial statements (which shall, as the Commission specifies, be certified) * • •." The Commission is partially exercising this authority by adding question 12 to Form ADV. This question, which parallels paragraph (d) (11) of proposed Rule 204-4, requests a balance sheet current as of the end of the investment adviser's most recent fiscal year.

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4. What additional costs will be imposed on investment advisers as a result of this proposed requirement? Will investment advisers be required to maintain any records in addition to those already required by Rule 204-2 (17 CFR 275.204-2) under the Act in order to comply with this proposed requirement?

5. Should investment advisers be required to present any other financial statements in addition to a balance sheet, e.g., an income statement or a statement of changes in financial position? Question 12 also refers to the requirement in Rule 204-1(b) under the Act, as proposed for revision, that a registrant submit a new balance sheet not later than 90 days after the end of each succeeding fiscal year after the fiscal year covered in the balance sheet furnished with its Form ADV.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Act does not impose any specific financial responsibility standards on registered investment advisers, the Commission believes that the financial condition of the adviser may be relevant to clients and prospective clients. In addition, the Commission believes that having this financial information available will enable it to develop more meaningful regulatory policies relating to advisers.

The Commission is also proposing to modify Schedules A-E of Form ADV and Form BD (17 CFR 249.501), the registration form under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a-1 et seq.) for brokers and dealers, so that the two sets of schedules are identical. This will enable registered broker-dealers who are also registered as investment advisers and prospective dual registrants to file these schedules without as much administrative burden since they will be able to prepare one set and make a duplicate. marking each to indicate whether it relates to Form ADV or Form BD, rather than being required to prepare two sets of originals.

Questions 19-28 of Form ADV, in part. are new questions and Schedule D of Form ADV has been modified. These changes incorporate in Form ADV substantive information required by proposed Rule 204-4 which is not already included in Form ADV. Having this information filed with the Commission would lessen the need for Commission review of the brochures required by proposed Rule 204-4 and would also enable the Commission to make determinations about industry-wide policy and the need for examination of individual advisers.

The staff of the Commission and representatives of the North American Securities Administrators Association have informally discussed the need for and feasibility of adopting a uniform investment adviser registration form and have concluded that adopting such a form would significantly reduce the burdens and expense imposed on an investment adviser required to register with the Commission as well as the various states in which it does business. Accordingly, the Commission is proposing a new schedule for Form ADV, Schedule G, which seeks information required by the states beyond the information which will already be contained in Form ADV. The individual states will prepare, as necessary, a separate instruction sheet for Schedule G detailing the particular information the state requires. An applicant would be required to file Schedule G only with the appropriate states and not with the Commission. While there is no assurance at this time that the Commission and the interested states will be able to reach final agreement on a uniform investment adviser registration

form, the Commission intends to work diligently with the states to accomplish this goal. In furtherance of this effort, the Commission is particularly interested in public comments on both the advisability of adopting a uniform investment adviser registration form and the proposed method of accomplishing this objective.

Revised questions 17, 19, 27 and 28 of Form ADV ask for information concerning the number of accounts and amount of assets the investment adviser has under management and the size categories into which the accounts fall. They also ask the amount of customer funds or securities over which the investment adviser has custody or possession and whether the investment adviser is involved in any civil litigation relating to its advisory business. The Commission is adding these questions so that it will have ongoing information about some of the basic characteristics of the investment advisory industry and because the information is relevant to decisions about the Commission's regulatory program.

FORM ADV-S

The Commission is also soliciting public comments on a proposal to adopt a new form, Form ADV-S, which would be filed annually by all registered investment advisers within 90 days of the end of their fiscal year. This brief form would enable the Commission to determine whether an adviser is presently engaged in the investment advisory business and whether it has filed the amendments to its Form ADV required by Rule 204-1 (17 CFR 275.204-1) under the Act. In addition, an updated balance sheet would be required to be filed with the Form ADV-S.

Since the rescission of the annual fee requirement for advisers, many advisers appear to have neglected to file required amendments to their Form ADVs; others have never commenced or have ceased their advisory activities, but have failed to withdraw from registration by filing Form ADV-W.

The proposed Form ADV-S should relieve these problems by providing the Commission with current information about active registrants and by removing inactive investment advisers from the list of registrants, either as a result of their voluntarily filing Form ADV-W or by means of a cancellation order issued pursuant to section 203(h) (15 U.S.C. 80b-3(h)) of the Act. The proposed form is brief and straightforward and the Commission does not anticipate that any registrant will find it burdensome to complete.

In order to bring its records up-to-date and to obtain the information about registered advisers, the Commission is proposing amendment of Rule 204-1(a)(17 CFR 275.204-1(a)) to require every investment adviser whose registration is effective or who has an application for registration pending on the date new Rule 204-1(a) becomes effective to file a complete new Form ADV as an amendment the first time an amendment is otherwise required and in any event not later than a date to be determined when, and if, the Commission adopts new Rule 204-1(a).

Rule 204-1(b) currently requires an investment adviser to amend its Form ADV any time the information contained therein or in an amendment thereto becomes inaccurate for any reason. Since the Commission believes that, in certain circumstances, changes in the information called for by questions 12 through 28 of Form ADV, particularly the balance sheet in question 12, may not require an immediate amendment of the investment adviser's Form ADV, the Commission proposes to modify Rule 204-1(b) so that if there is a change in the information furnished in response to questions 12 through 28, but not a material change, the investment adviser will be able to amend its Form ADV to reflect such change within the same time limit as governs its filing of the revised balance sheet required by question 12, i.e., not later than 90 days after the end of its fiscal year. However, material changes in the information called for by questions 12 through 28 and any changes in the information called for by questions 1 through 11 will still require an immediate amendment of Form ADV.

Proposed paragraph (c) of Rule 204-1 would require every investment advisor who is registered on the last day of its fiscal year to file a Form ADV-S within 90 days of the end of its fiscal year unless its registration has been withdrawn, cancelled or revoked prior to that date. If efforts to contact registrants who do not file in a timely manner are unsuccessful, the Commission would consider issuing orders pursuant to section 203(h) of the Act to cancel the registrations of the nonrespondents.

PART 275-RULES AND REGULATIONS, INVESTMENT ADVISORS ACT OF 1940

I. It is proposed to amend Part 275 of Chapter II of Title 17 of the Code of Federal Regulations by revising § 275.-204-1 in its entirety as follows:

§ 275.204–1 Amendments to application for registration.

(a) Every investment adviser whose registration is effective, or whose application for registration is pending on ______, shall file as an amendment to the application a complete Form ADV (§ 279.1 of this chapter) as revised as of ______. This shall be filed the first time an amendment is required to be filed under paragraph (b) of this section, but in no event later than ______.

(b) (1) If the information contained in the response to questions 1 through 11 of any application for registration as an investment adviser, or in any amendment thereto, becomes inaccurate for any reason, or if the information contained in the response to questions 12 through 28 of any application for registration as an investment adviser, or in any amendment thereto, becomes inaccurate in a material manner, the investment adviser shall promptly file an amendment on Form ADV (§ 279.1 of this chapter) correcting such information.

(2) If the information contained in response to questions 12 through 28 of any application for registration as an investment adviser, or in any amendment thereto, becomes inaccurate but not in a material manner, the investment adviser shall file an amendment on Form ADV (§ 279.1 of this chapter) correcting such information within 90 days of the end of its fiscal year.

(c) Every investment adviser whose registration is effective on the last day of its fiscal year shall file a Form ADV-S (§ 279.3 of this chapter) within 90 days of the end of its fiscal year unless its registration has been withdrawn, cancelled or revoked prior to that date.

(d) Every amendment filed pursuant to this rule shall constitute a "report" within the meaning of sections 204 and 207 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 80b-4, 80b-7).

PART 279—FORMS PRESCRIBED UNDER THE INVESTMENT ADVISORS ACT OF 1940

II. It is proposed to amend Part 279 of Chapter II of Title 17 of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

A. Section 279.1. Form ADV, for application for registration of investment adviser, and for admendments to such registration statement. (A copy of Form ADV as proposed to be amended is attached hereto.)

B. Section 279.3. Form ADV-S, annual report of registered investment advisers. (A copy of Form ADV-S as proposed to be adopted is attached hereto.)

AUTHORITY

The proposed revisions of Form ADV would be adopted pursuant to the authority contained in Sections 203 (15 U.S.C. 80b-3), 204 (15 U.S.C. 80b-4), and 211(a) (15 U.S.C. 11(a)) of the Act. Proposed Form ADV-S and the proposed revisions of Rule 204-1 would be adopted pursuant to the authority contained in Sections 204 and 211(a) of the Act.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Persons wishing to make written comments should file three copies thereof with George A. Fitzsimmons, Secretary of the Commission, Room 892, 500 North Capitol Street, Washington, D.C. 20549. not later than September 30, 1977. In filing such submissions. commentators should make reference to Commission File NO. S7-712. Covies of all submissions will be made available in the Commission's Public Reference Section, Room 6101, 1100 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

By the Commission.

GEORGE A. FITZSIMMONS, Secretary.

JULY 21, 1977.

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b. "Juriadiction" means a state, a territory, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or any eubdivision or regulatory body thereof. c. "Applicant" means the investment adviser or person which will be the investment adviser and not the individual completing the form unless they are identical. "Applicant" includes a "Registrant." d. "Hjelf-Regulatory Organization" means any mational securities sxchange, mational securities association, or clearing agancy, registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING FORM ADV AS AN APPLICATION

10. If Form AUV is being filled as an application for registration, all applicable items must be answered in full. If any "item is not applicable, indicate by "mone" or %NA" as appropriate. Items requiring information relating to the business activities of applicant should be answered to disclose what such activities will be when registration becomes effective.

11. If any non-resident of the United States is named in the Form, consult Rule 0-2 to determine whethar he is required to file a consent to service of process and a power of attorney. Non-residents of the United States should also consult Rule 20.2(3) under the Act concerning the notice or undertaking the books and records which non-resident investment advisers are required to file with Form ADV.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR AMENDING FORM ADV

12. Rule 204-1(b) requires that if the information contained in response to questions 1 through 11 of any application for registration as an investor if the information contained in response to questions l2 through 28 of any application for registration as an investment advisor, or in any amendpromptly file an amendment of row 200 correcting such information. In promptly file an amendment on Form AUV correcting such information. In addition, if the information contained in response to questions 12 through amendment thereto. becomes inaccurate but not in a subject or in any amendment thereto. becomes inaccurate but not in a material amonet, the information to later than its curate but not in a material amonet, the information on later than its filing of the revised information regularly required by Item 12 of Form ADV, i.e., no later than 90 days after the end of applicant's fiscal year.

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INSTRUCTIONS AS TO SPECIFIC ITEMS ON FORM ADV

14. Item 2(a) \asymp Include a street address; post office box numbers alone are not acceptable.

15. Execution - The execution must include an original manual signature. Mechanical reproductions of signatures are not acceptable.

16. Item 6 - State your current legal residence address.

17. Item 8(b) - If a registered partnership is dissolved and a new one is orested to continue the business of the old one, the new partnership must file a new or successor application as an investment adviser.

18. Item 10 - Check your answers to Items 2(a), 8, and 9, and the related Schedules, for the names of all persons who are covered by any of the subsections of Item 0. Similarly, any persons who därectly or indirectly control or are controlled by the applicant, including any employee, are covered by Item 10. For each affirmative answer, list each person involved on a separate Schedule D and give full details of any of these incidents, including, our come of the outcome of the proceeding.

Instructions Relating to SCHEDULES

19. Schedule A - Schedule A is for corporations.

Note: If applicant is owned directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, by a corporation, then such corporation's shareholders should be considered in determining who must be listed on Schedule A.

20. Schedule B - Schedule B is for partnerships.

21. Schedule C - Schedule C is to be completed only by organizations or assoclations which are not sole proprietorships, partnerships, or corporations. 22. Schedule D - Schedule D is to be filed for the following classes of persons:

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.(b) Each person subject to any action reported under Item 10; and

- (o)(1) Each member of applicant's investment committee or similar group, if any, which determines or approves what investment advice shall generally be rendered by applicant to any client, or to which clients such investment advice shall be rendered.
- (2) In the absence of an investment committee or similar group, each person associated with applicant who defermines or approves what investment advice shall be rendered by applicant to any client, or to which clients such investment advice shall be rendered.

23. Schedule E - Schedule E may be used (1) where the space provided for any answer on the Form is insufficient, or (2) in response to each item in the Form which requires the submission of Schedule E. Schedule E should not be used when the space on any ther Schedule is insufficient. In that case use additional copies of the applicable Schedule.

24. Schedule F - Schedule F is for the balance sheet required by Item 12 and any amendments thereto.

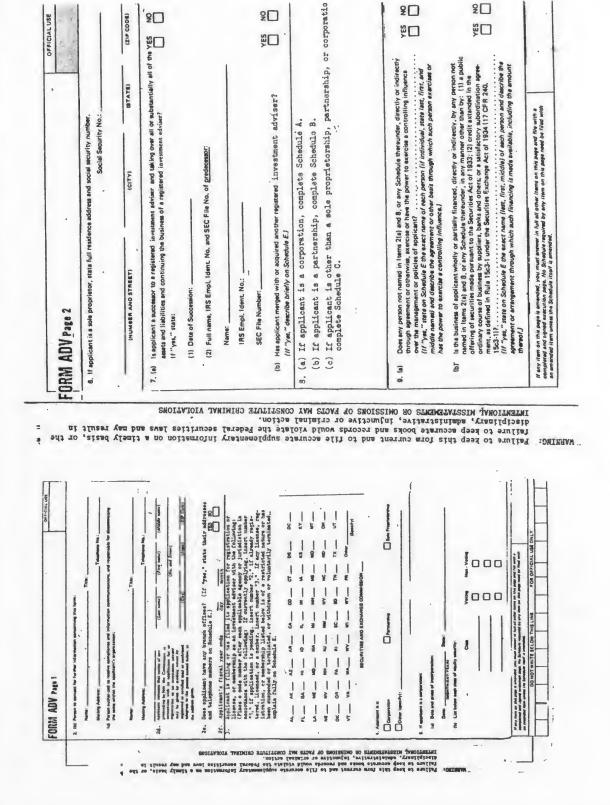
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13. Does applicant:

Furnish "investment supervisory services," defined as the fiving of continuous advice to clients as to the investment of funds on the basis of individual needs of each client; e.g., the nature and amount of other assets, investments of each client (distinguished from continuous advice of any nature which is not based on consideration of such relevant individual factors)? Manage investment advisory accounts under circumstances not involving invest-ment supervisory services? (B

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updated balance sheet containing, at least, the accounts set forth above. In any case, that rule requires an investment adviser to file with the

If the information contained in this balance sheet becomes materially inaccurate, Rule 204-1(b) under the Act requires the investment adviser to file promptly with the Commission a revised balance sheet.

Provide on Schedule F a balance sheet current as of the end of applicant's

most recent fiscal year.

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Note:

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Ľ Issue periodic publications relating to securities on a subscription basis? Prepare or issue special reports or analyses relating to securities, not in-cluded in any service described above?

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 furnish investment advice in any manner not described above?

If the answer to any of the preceding paragraphs is "Tes," the

applicant shall furnish full details on Schedule E, including

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issued on a regular basis and a general description of any special or an annual subscription fee in the case of a periodic publiplicant should include the name of each publication or analysis cation, for the services which the investment adviser provides the applicant should explain to what extent and under what conditions such compensation is refundable. In addition, the apable prior to the rendering of the services relating thereto, and the precise amounts charged, e.g., 7% per annum, and when of the assets under management, hourly charges, a fixed fee such compensation is payable. If such compensation is payreports or analyses to be issued on an irrogular basis.

minate an investment advisory contract prior to the termination if any, pursuant to which the applicant or any client may tor-The applicant should set forth the procedures and conditions, date set forth in the contract.

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(c) Does a substantial part of Applicant's or Registrant's investment advisory busines consist of rendering "In-vestment supervisory services" as defined in Item 13 above?

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15. (a) Does Applicant controlior is Applicant controlled by, directly or indirectly, any partnership, corporation, or other organization engaged in the securities on the investment advisory business?

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(c) Is Applicant affiliated with any broker or dealer?

(If fyes," etate the nature of such affiliation and the business relationship, if any, between such broker or dealer and Applicant on Schedule E)

Pursuant to Section 202(a)(12) of the Act, the term "affiliated person" has the same meaning as in Section 2(a)(3) of the Investment Company act of 7940, which, as relevant, means Note:

"(A) any person directly or indirectly owning, controlling, or holding with power to rote, 5 per centum or more of the or retainding voting securities of much other person (B) any contrained are directly or indirectly owned, controlled securities are directly or indirectly owned, controlled or hald with power to vote, by such other person; (C) any or hald with power to vote, by such other person; (C) any or under common control with, such other person; (D) any officer, directly or indirectly controlled by officer directly or indirectly controlled by officer directly indirectly controlled by other person intoin comparison into the person intoin compared by other person intoin compared by by and by other person intoin compared by by and by other person intoin compared by and by other person intoin compared by by and by other person intoin compared by by other person intoin compared by and by other person intoin compared by by other person intoin compared by by and by other person intoin compared by by and by other person intoin compared by and by other person intoin compared by by and by by and by other person intoin compared by by and by by and b

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- 16. Does Applicant or any person associated with Applicant have discretionary suthority to make any of the following determinations without obtaining the consent of the investment advisory olient before the transaction is 2 effected:
 - (a) Which securities are to be bought or sold?
- (b) Through which broker-deeler securities are to be bought or sold?
- (c) The total amount of the securities to be bought or sold?

If the answer to any question of Item 16 is "yes" and there are limitations on much authority, describe such limitations in full detail on Schedule E.

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| Does applicant, or any person associated with applicant, mays descore of possession of, or have authority to obtain custody or possession of N (a) Securities of any investment advisory client? | |
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| Noes applicant: (a) As principal, sell securities to or buy securities from any investment advisory client? (b) As principal, sell securities to or buy securities from any investment or security investment or security investment or security investment. | <u> 2</u> |
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| (d) Recommend to investment advisory clients or prospective clients, the purchase or sale of securities in which the sphilcant or registrant, directly or indirectly, has a position or interest? YES NO | Da , the |
| If the answer to any of the foregoing questions of item 18 is "Tes," desoribe on Schedule E the eircumetances in which the investment adviser. engages in such transactions and any internal procedures the investment engages in such transactions. | ser. nt |

(e) Impose any restrictions upon iteelf or any person associated with it when effecting transactions for its or their eccount in securities recommaded to cidents? (If the answer to this paragraph is "yes," describe such restrictions on Schedule E.)

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- Check the types of clients for which the applicant generally provides
- investment advice and the approximate number of accounts in each category:

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- j) Interests in limited partnerships investing in
 - real estate
 oil and gas interests
 bther (explain in full detail on Schedule E)

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- a) Check the sources of information, including feference materials. generally used by the applicant as the basis for investment advice rendered to clients:
- Financial newspapers and magazines
 Company prepared information (i.e., annual reports, prospectuses, filings with the Commission, press releases, etc.)
 Meetings with corporate parsonnel
 Inspections of corporate activities
 Research materials prepared by others
 Corporate rating services
 Other (explain in full detail on Schedule E)

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- b) Check the general method or methods of securities analysis employed by applicant:

 - Fundamental analysis
 Technical analysis
 Cyclical analysis
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- Charting
- 5) Other (explain in full detail on Schedule E)

(Explain each method of analysis and the relative emphasis applicant places on each method in formulating its investment advice)

- c) Check the types of securities transactions generally recommended or used to implement any investment advice rendered to clients:
- 1) long term purchases (securities will be held at least one year except in unusual circumstances)
 - Short term purchases (securities will generally be sold within one year after purchase)
- 3) Trading (securities will generally be sold within 30 days after purchase)
 - 4) Short Sales
- - 5) Margin transactions 6) Option writing

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- 7) Other (explain in full detail on Schedule E)

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Are there any uniform standards of education and business background which applicant requires of persone associated with applicant (other than persone whose functions are solely clarical or ministerial) whose functions or duties relate to providing investment advice to clients.

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- If the applicant provides investment supervisory services
- (as defined in Section 202(a)(13) of the Act) or manages investment
- advisory accounts for clients under circumstances not involving
- investment supervisory services, complete questions 23 through 27.

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ŀ YES If "yee", please furnish a complete description of such standards on Schedule E.

23. What is the minimum amount of assets applicant generally requires to establish and maintain an investment advisory account? If applicant imposes any other conditions on the establichment or maintenance of an investment advisory account, sxplain in full detail on Schedule E.

2D Cig Does applicant have discretionary authority to select brokars or daalers to execute transactions in securitiss for its cliente or for the accounts of its clients? 24.

If "yes" and there are limitations on such authority, describe such limitations in full detail on Schedule $\mathbb E$.

- YES NO Does applicant consider factors relating to the individual circumstances of clisants in making recommendations to, or effecting transactions for, such clisants. 25.
- If "yes," describe such factors in full detail on Schedule E.
- Describe briefly on Schedule E: 26.

a) applicant's organizational structure, including a description of the role of each principal department in the organization in the usual process of arriving at investment decisions or recommendations for clients,

investment advisory account, including, but not limited to, the catagory of personnel performing the review, factors which trigger reviews, the sequence in which accounts are reviewed b) the process pursuant to which applicant revisus each and the matters revisued, and

c) the frequency and nature of any reports furnished to clishts concerning their investment advisory accounts.

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(3) Date of valuation

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(b) What is the maximum number of investment advisory accounts with respect to which any one individual associated with applicant may act as portfolio or account manager?

(1) Number of such accounts

(11) Approximate market value of all such accounts.

(iii) Date of valuation _

(iv) Approximate number of such accounts in the following size

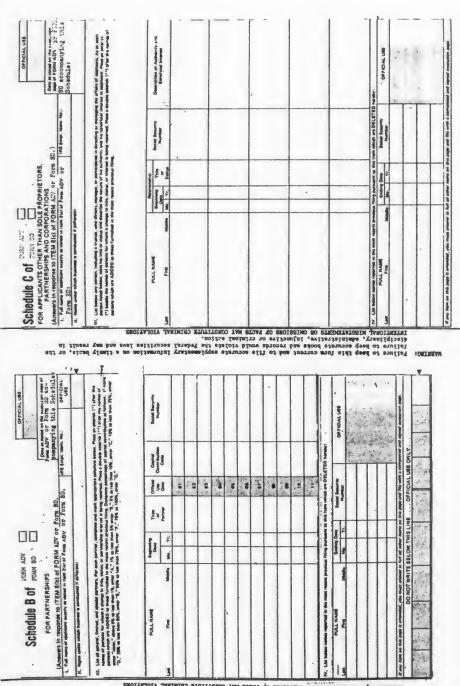
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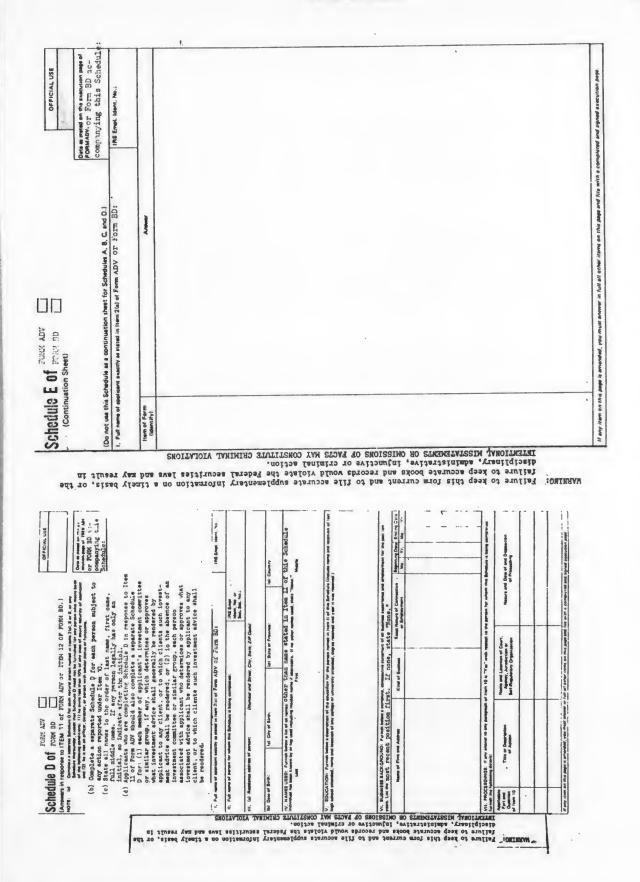


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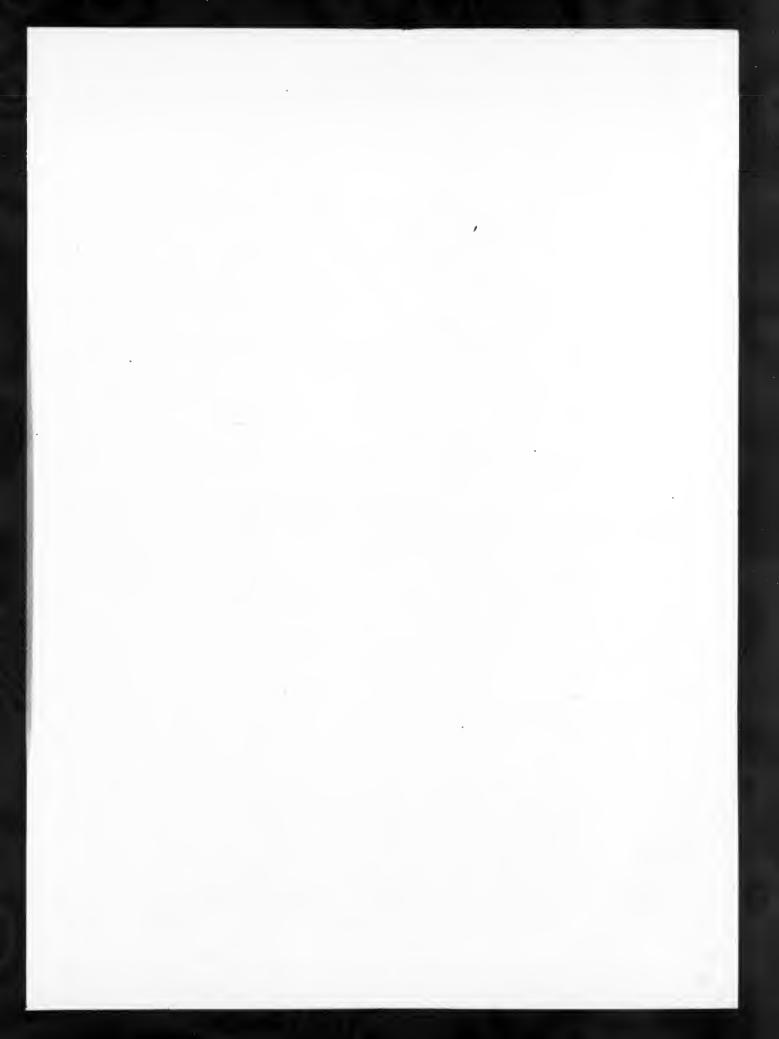
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