







FORTIS BENEFITS INSURANCE COMPANY, ET AL.

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until December 19, 1997, to request a hearing on an application filed by Fortis Benefits Insurance Company and Variable Account D of Fortis Benefits Insurance Company, seeking an order pursuant to Section 26(b) of the Investment Company Act approving the substitution of shares of the Limited Maturity Bond Portfolio of the Neuberger Berman Advisers Management Trust for shares of the Strong Advantage Fund I-series of the Strong Variable Insurance Funds, Inc. (the Strong Funds) and the substitution of shares of the Federated Fund for U.S. Government Securities II portfolio of Federated Insurance Series for shares of the Strong Government Securities Fund II series of the Strong Funds. (Rel. IC-22906 - November 24)

SAFECO ADVISOR SERIES TRUST

An order has been issued under Section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act declaring that SAFECO Advisor Series Trust has ceased to be an investment company. (Rel. IC-22907 - November 25)

THE RODNEY SQUARE TOTAL RETURN FUND

An order has been issued under Section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act declaring that The Rodney Square Total Return Fund has ceased to be an investment company. (Rel. IC-22908 - November 25)

THE RODNEY SQUARE GROWTH EQUITY FUND

An order has been issued under Section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act declaring that The Rodney Square Growth Equity Fund has ceased to be an investment company. (Rel. IC-22909 - November 25)

FIRST AMERICAN FUNDS, INC., ET AL.

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until December 22, 1997 to request a hearing on an application filed by First American Funds, Inc., et al., for an order under Section 12(d)(1)(J) of the Investment Company Act exempting applicants from Sections 12(d)(1)(A) and (B) of the Act, under Sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Act exempting applicants from Section 17(a) of the Act, and under Section 17(d) of the Act and Rule 17d-1 to permit certain joint transactions. The order would supersede a prior order to permit certain registered investment companies to purchase shares of money market funds advised by the same adviser for cash management purposes. The order also would amend a prior order permitting a fund of funds to purchase shares of certain investment companies in the same group of investment companies in excess of the limits of Section 12(d)(1). (Rel. IC-22910 - November 25)































