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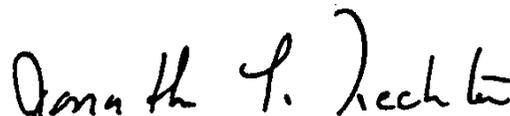
In the attached notice of proposed rulemaking, OTS is suggesting an orderly mechanism for expeditiously processing public requests for information that normally would not be released, and are not required to be released under the Freedom of Information Act.

Such confidential documents include examination reports and information on the business operations and finances of savings institutions, their holding companies and their customers.

The proposed rule also covers release by OTS employees of confidential information during testimony before a court or other government hearing.

Included in the proposal is a detailed description of the procedures that requesters must follow in seeking the release of unpublished information so that OTS can determine whether the requester's need for the information clearly outweighs the public interest considerations in maintaining its confidentiality.

The proposal is published in the *Federal Register*, Vol. 58, No. 235, pp. 64695-64700. Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before February 7, 1994, addressed to: Director, Information Services, Public Affairs Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20552.

  
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