

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before The
OFFICE OF THRIFT SUPERVISION
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

In the Matter of:

Mel C. Reese, III

A Former Officer and
Institution-Affiliated
Party of:

Southwest Savings and Loan
Association,
Phoenix, Arizona

Re: OTS Order No. SF-94-045

Date: December 30, 1994

ORDER OF PROHIBITION

RE: MEL C. REESE

WHEREAS, the Office of Thrift Supervision ("OTS") and MEL C. REESE ("REESE") have entered into a Stipulation and Consent to Entry of An Order of Prohibition with respect to REESE; and

WHEREAS, REESE, by his execution of the Stipulation, has, without admitting or denying any of the allegations referenced therein, consented and agreed to the issuance of this Order of Prohibition by the OTS, pursuant to Section 407(g) of the National Housing Act ("NHA"), 12 U.S.C. § 1730(g), and Section 8(e) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act ("FDIA"), 12 U.S.C. § 1818(e).

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. REESE shall not hold any office in, or participate in any manner in the conduct of the affairs of any Federally regulated depository institution or the other entities that are described

in Section 8(e)(7)(A) of the FDIA, 12 U.S.C. § 1818(e)(7)(A), without the prior written approval of OTS (acting through its Director or an authorized representative thereof) and the "appropriate Federal financial institutions regulatory agency" for the Federally regulated depository institution which is involved. Due to the operation of Section 8(e)(6) of the FDIA, 12 U.S.C. § 1818(e)(6), conduct prohibited by this Order, without said prior written approval of the OTS and of the appropriate Federal banking agency, also includes, without limitation: (1) the soliciting, procuring, transferring, attempting to transfer, voting, or the attempting to vote any proxy, consent, or authorization with respect to any voting rights in any institution described in Section 8(e)(7)(A) of the FDIA, 12 U.S.C. § 1818(e)(7)(A); and (2) voting for a director, or serving as an institution-affiliated party. The foregoing shall not limit in any way the performance by REESE of services as a licensed mortgage broker or licensed mortgage banker pursuant to and in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes 6-901 et seq., or as a licensed real estate agent, provided, however, that such services do not involve the exercise of discretion in connection with or control over the assets of an insured institution or the making of loan underwriting decisions on behalf of an insured institution or participation in the conduct of the affairs of an insured institution or ~~make him an institution affiliated party~~ within the meaning of 12 U.S.C. § 1813(u).

2. The Stipulation is made part hereof and is incorporated herein by reference.

3. REESE shall, at OTS's request, on reasonable notice and without service of a subpoena, provide discovery and testify truthfully at any deposition and at any administrative or judicial proceeding brought by OTS and, if requested, provide sworn statements in connection with any formal examination or investigation initiated by the OTS that relates in any way to the affairs of Southwest and any continuing litigation or proceeding brought by OTS as a result of its investigation relating to Southwest and/or any of its institution-affiliated parties.

4. This Order is subject to the provisions of Section 8(j) of the FDIA, 12 U.S.C. § 1818(j), and shall become effective on the date it is issued, as shown in the caption above.

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STIPULATION AND CONSENT TO
 ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF PROHIBITION

RE: MEL C. REESE

WHEREAS, the Office of Thrift Supervision ("OTS"), based upon information derived from the exercise of its regulatory responsibilities, has informed MEL C. REESE ("REESE"), a former Vice President and Senior Vice President, Commercial Real Estate Lending and Special Projects of Southwest Savings and Loan Association, Phoenix, Arizona, ("Southwest" or "the Association"), and former officer and director of Southwest Savings Esplanade Investment Corporation ("SWSEIC"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Southwest, that the OTS is of the opinion that grounds exist to initiate an administrative proceeding against REESE to prohibit the further participation of REESE in the conduct of the affairs of any insured depository institution, pursuant to Section 407(g) of the National Housing Act ("NHA"),

12 U.S.C. § 1730(g), and Section 8(e) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act ("FDIA"), 12 U.S.C. § 1818(e);

WHEREAS, the OTS has concluded that REESE, in his capacity as an officer of Southwest and/or an officer and director of SWSEIC, participated in, aided or abetted and/or took action to cause or bring about various loans and transactions entered into by Southwest referenced in Resolution Trust Corporation v. Dean, et al., Nos. Civ. 91-2026 PHX-EHC and 93-0304 PHX-RCB in the United States District Court for the District of Arizona, which loans and transactions resulted in breaches of fiduciary duties, unsafe and unsound practices and violations of applicable regulations, caused financial loss or other damage to Southwest, and exhibited a willful and/or continuing disregard for the safety and soundness of Southwest; and

WHEREAS, REESE desires to cooperate with the OTS to avoid the time and expense of such administrative litigation and, without admitting or denying that such grounds exist or the conclusions of OTS, and without any adjudication of fact or law having taken place, hereby stipulates and agrees to the following terms:

1. Jurisdiction.

(a) The Association is a "savings association" within ~~the meaning of Section 2(4) of the Home Owners' Loan Act, 12~~ U.S.C. § 1462(4), and Section 3(b) of the FDIA, 12 U.S.C. § 1813(b). Accordingly, it is an "insured depository institution"

as that term is defined in Section 3(c) of the FDIA, 12 U.S.C § 1813(c).

(b) REESE, as former Vice President and Senior Vice President, Commercial Real Estate Lending and Special Projects of Southwest, and former officer and director of SWSEIC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Southwest, participated in the conduct of the affairs and was an institution affiliated party with respect to Southwest within the meaning of 12 U.S.C. § 1813(u).

(c) Pursuant to Section 3(q) of the FDIA, 12 U.S.C. § 1813(q), the OTS is the "appropriate Federal banking agency" to maintain an enforcement proceeding against such a savings association and/or persons who participated in the conduct of the association's affairs. Therefore, REESE is subject to the authority of the OTS to initiate and maintain a prohibition proceeding against him, pursuant to Section 407(g) of the NHA, 12 U.S.C. § 1730(g), and Section 8(e) of the FDIA, 12 U.S.C. § 1818(e).

2. Consent. REESE consents to the issuance by the OTS of the accompanying Order of Prohibition ("Order"). He further agrees to comply with its terms upon issuance and stipulates that the Order complies with all requirements of law.

3. Finality. The Order is issued by the OTS under the authority of Section 407(g) of the NHA, 12 U.S.C. § 1730(g), and Section 8(e) of the FDIA, 12 U.S.C. § 1818(e). Upon issuance by the Regional Director or his designee for the Western Region, OTS, it shall be a final order, effective and fully enforceable

by the OTS under the provisions of Section 8(i) of the FDIA, 12 U.S.C. § 1818(i).

4. Waivers. REESE waives the following:

(a) the right to be formally served with a written notice of the OTS's charges against him;

(b) the right to an administrative hearing of the OTS's charges against him;

(c) the right to seek judicial review of the Order, including, without limitation, any such right provided by Section 8(h) of the FDIA, 12 U.S.C. § 1818(h), or otherwise to challenge the validity of the Order; and

(d) any and all claims for the award of fees, costs, or expenses related to this OTS enforcement matter, any monetary release previously granted by the OTS, and/or Order, whether arising under common law or under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 5 U.S.C. § 504 and 28 U.S.C. § 2412.

(e) With respect to Paragraph 3 of the Order, however, it is understood that REESE does not waive his privilege against self-incrimination under the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution. If REESE invokes his privilege against self-incrimination under the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution with respect to any matter about which the OTS may inquire or the production of any document requested by the OTS and OTS obtains a grant of immunity pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 6001 et seq., REESE will, consistent with any such grant of immunity, provide discovery and testify truthfully at any deposition and at

any judicial or administrative proceeding on the matters for which immunity is given. It is further understood that the costs, if any, of providing information pursuant to Paragraph 3 of the Order shall be handled as set forth in 12 C.F.R. § 512.7(d) (1994).

5. Other Government Actions Not Affected. REESE acknowledges and agrees that his consent to the entry of the Order are for the purposes of resolving this prohibition action only, and does not release, discharge, compromise, settle, dismiss, resolve, or in any way affect any actions, charges against, or liability of REESE that may be or have been brought by the Resolution Trust Corporation or any other government entity other than the OTS.

6. Acknowledgement of Criminal Sanctions. REESE acknowledges that Section 8(j) of the FDIA, 12 U.S.C. § 1818(j), sets forth criminal penalties for knowing violations of the Order.

WHEREFORE, REESE executes this Stipulation and Consent to Entry of an Order of Prohibition, intending to be legally bound hereby.

By:

Mel C. Reese
MEL C. REESE

Accepted by:

John F. Robin
OFFICE OF THRIFT SUPERVISION

Dated:

11/29/94

Dated:

12/27/94

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11/29/94