Each member bank is required to hold stock in its regional Federal Reserve Bank. The stock cannot be sold, traded, or pledged as collateral for loans. As specified by law, member banks receive a 6 percent annual dividend on their Federal Reserve Bank stock.
Auditor Independence

The firm engaged by the Board of Governors for the audits of the individual and combined financial statements of the Reserve Banks for 2007 was Deloitte & Touche LLP (D&T). Fees for these services totaled $4.7 million. To ensure auditor independence, the Board of Governors requires that D&T be independent in all matters relating to the audit. Specifically, D&T may not perform services for the Reserve Banks or others that would place it in a position of auditing its own work, making management decisions on behalf of the Reserve Banks, or in any other way impairing its audit independence. In 2007, the Bank did not engage D&T for any material advisory services.
Management’s Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

To the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland:

The management of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland (“FRB Cleveland”) is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the Statement of Financial Condition, Statement of Income and Comprehensive Income, and Statement of Changes in Capital as of December 31, 2007 (the “Financial Statements”). The Financial Statements have been prepared in conformity with the accounting principles, policies, and practices established by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and as set forth in the Financial Accounting Manual for the Federal Reserve Banks (“Manual”), and as such, include amounts, some of which are based on management judgments and estimates. To our knowledge, the Financial Statements are, in all material respects, fairly presented in conformity with the accounting principles, policies, and practices documented in the Manual and include all disclosures necessary for such fair presentation.

The management of the FRB Cleveland is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting as it relates to the Financial Statements. Such internal control is designed to provide reasonable assurance to management and to the Board of Directors regarding the preparation of the Financial Statements in accordance with the Manual. Internal control contains self-monitoring mechanisms, including, but not limited to, divisions of responsibility and a code of conduct. Once identified, any material deficiencies in internal control are reported to management and appropriate corrective measures are implemented.

Even effective internal control, no matter how well designed, has inherent limitations, including the possibility of human error, and therefore can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to the preparation of reliable financial statements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

The management of the FRB Cleveland assessed its internal control over financial reporting reflected in the Financial Statements, based upon the criteria established in the “Internal Control - Integrated Framework” issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on this assessment, we believe that the FRB Cleveland maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as it relates to the Financial Statements.

Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland

March 20, 2008

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