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[17082] February 6, 2004 TO: ACCOUNTING/TREASURERS COMMITTEE No. 5-04 END OF DAY PRICING FORUM No. 1-04 PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE No. 9-04 SMALL FUNDS COMMITTEE No. 11-04 TRANSFER AGENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE No. 16-04 RE: RUSSELL INDEX REBALANCE DATE CHANGE Attached is a press release from the Russell Investment Group announcing a shift in the Russell index rebalance from the traditional last business day of June to the last Friday in June. As such, the rebalance will take place on Friday, June 25, 2004 and provide the mutual fund industry and others with a crucial weekend to manage any operational challenges that arise as a result of the expected significant increase in exchange trading volume. Please contact me at 202/326-5869 or salmon@ici.org if you have any questions. Peter G. Salmon Director - Operations and Technology Attachment (in .pdf format)

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