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PRICING OF HIGH YIELD BONDS

| March 8, 1990 TO: MEMBERS - ONE PER COMPLEX NO. 11-90 RE: PRICING OF HIGH YIELD |
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| BONDS It is our understanding |
| that Drexel Burnham Lambert has continued to provide prices on certain issues of high |
| yield bonds in an effort to allow pricing services time to develop alternative sources for |
| prices on these issues. We have been informed that as of March 16, 1990, Drexel will no |
| longer provide price quotations to pricing services for these approximately 300-400 issues |
| As a result of discussions that the Institute has had with several pricing services, it appears |
| that these firms may not be able to develop alternative pricing sources for a number of |
| these issues. Therefore, it is recommended that you discuss with your pricing service(s) the |
| names of those issues for which they will no longer be able to provide price quotations. |
| With respect to these issues, members may wish to consider implementing procedures for |
| establishing "fair value." Under Section 2(a)(41) of the Investment Company Act and Rule |
| 2a-4 thereunder, securities for which market quotations are not readily available should be |
| priced at fair value "as determined in good faith by the board of directors." Donald E. |
| O'Connor Vice President - Operations |
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