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ADDRESS OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE
TO THE BOARD

Ms. Missy Wiggins
Financial Specialist
Centura Bank
P.O. Box 1220
Rocky Mount, North Carolina 27802

Dear Ms. Wiggins:

The Secretary of the Board, acting on behalf of the Board of Governors pursuant to delegated authority, has approved the application of Centura Bank, Rocky Mount, North Carolina ("Centura"), under section 25 of the Federal Reserve Act, to establish a branch in Grand Cayman, British West Indies, and to operate and maintain that branch subject to the provisions of that section and of Regulation K.

In view of the special character of this operation, the foregoing permission is granted subject to (1) a continuing review of these types of activities and, after due notice, possible withdrawal or modification of this permission and (2) maintenance at Centura's head office of adequate information covering the branch's operations and availability of that information to the Board and its accredited representatives. Further, Centura should establish adequate policies and procedures to ensure that U.S. customers with deposit accounts in its Cayman branch are informed that the deposits are not insured by the FDIC; that, in a liquidation, deposits held in offshore branches have lesser preference than deposits held in the United States; and that such deposits are subject to cross-border risks.

The Board should be promptly informed of any modifications in the branch's methods of operation, including changes in any contract under which services are supplied to the branch.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Jennifer J. Johnson

Jennifer J. Johnson
Deputy Secretary of the Board

cc: Fred L. Bagwell, Vice President
Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond

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