Meeting Between Staff of the Federal Reserve Board and Representatives of the Royal Bank of Canada
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Summary: Staff of the Federal Reserve Board met with representatives of the Royal Bank of Canada to discuss the proposal to amend the Board’s regulations relating to determinations of whether a company has the ability to exercise a controlling influence over another company for purposes of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 and the Home Owners’ Loan Act. These representatives expressed concerns regarding aspects of the proposal including the proposal’s calculation of total equity, inclusion of debt that was functionally equivalent to equity, and whether the proposal would apply prospectively or retrospectively.