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Mr. Robert L. Happeny  
Financial Consultant  
Shearson Lehman Brothers, Inc.  
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100 North Main Street  
Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

Dear Mr. Happeny:

This is in reply to your letter dated September 3, 1985, concerning the legality of Federal credit union ("FCU") investment in GNMA-Collateralized Mortgage Bonds, prospectus supplement dated August 15, 1985, plus a New Issue Profile.

Sections 107(7) and (8) of the Federal Credit Union Act (12 U.S.C. §§1757(7) and (8)) and Part 703 of the National Credit Union Administration Rules and Regulations (12 C.F.R. Part 703) (copies enclosed) are the pertinent provisions of law regulating FCU investments and deposits. Although not expressly stated in these provisions, we have previously opined that investments in mutual funds or trusts are permissible for FCU's if all of the investments and investment practices of the fund or trust are legal if made directly by an FCU.

The initial review of the prospectus with respect to the above cited statutory and regulatory provisions should be completed by you (or your legal counsel). If, during or after such review, an interpretation of the law is required, we are available to assist you.

If you desire an opinion from this Office that the investment is legal for FCU's, you must first provide us with a letter (preferably an opinion from legal counsel) which addresses the various aspects of the investment (e.g., referring to pages in the prospectus) and relates them to the requirements of the FCU Act and NCUA Rules and Regulations and a copy of the most recent prospectus. We will then concur with or state our reason for nonconcurrence with your opinion. However, we should stress that an opinion from this Office is not required before an FCU can make a particular investment.

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Lastly, we suggest that, before you proceed further, you call the NCUA Investment Hotline, (800) 424-3205, to determine whether or not the investment has previously been reviewed by the Agency.

I hope we have been of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S.R. Bisker'.

STEVEN R. BISKER  
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosures