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\$9,015,893,162 THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC. MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES B

Principal Amount: \$50,000,000	Floating Rate Notes [x] Book Entry Notes [x]
Original Issue Date: 3/29/2001	Fixed Rate Notes [] Certificated Notes []
Maturity Date: 4/1/2003	CUSIP#: 073928TM5
Option to Extend Maturity:	No [x] Yes [] Final Maturity Date:

		Optional	Optional
	Redemption	Repayment	Repayment
Redeemable On	Price(s)	Date(s)	Price(s)
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Maximum Interest Rate: N/A

Applicable Only to Fixed Rate Notes:

Interest Rate:

Interest Payment Dates:

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:

Interest Rate Basis:

[]	Commercial Paper Rate	Minimum Interest Rate: N/A
[]	Federal Funds Rate	<pre>Interest Reset Date(s): Daily</pre>
[]	Treasury Rate	Interest Reset Period: Daily
[]	LIBOR Reuters	<pre>Interest Payment Date(s): *</pre>
[]	LIBOR Telerate	
[x]	Prime Rate	
[]	CMT Rate	
Init	ial Interest Rate: 5.65%	Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

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Index Maturity: N/A

Spread (plus or minus): -2.35%

 \ast On the 1st of each July, October, January and April, including the maturity date.

The distribution of Notes will conform to the requirements set forth in Rule 2720 of the NASD Conduct Rules.