Report on Systemic Risk and Bank Supervision

List of Recommendations

- 1. Adopt financial stability as a central mission, on a par with price stability.
- 2. Build the intellectual and political case for systemic risk regulation.
- Establish a new senior position of systemic risk advocate and dedicate resources from various areas of the bank in support of this position.
- Collect and analyze cross-firm exposures and system-wide vulnerabilities that could offect a broad range of institutions and markets, through horizontal reviews and ad hoc task forces, so as to identify areas for in-depth examinations at individual banks.
- Re-think risk-focused supervision to emphasize banks' strategies for making money and the largest potential risks these strategies are likely to imply. Think constantly about actions that could mitigate these specific risks.
- Upgrade the seniority, training and resources of relationship managers and demand from them a more distanced, high-level and skeptical view of how their bank tries to make money and what distinctive risks this entails.
- Refocus risk analytics on these major risks and the true effectiveness of banks'
 controls upon them. Strive for a better understanding of the aggregate level and
 trends in bank risk across the financial system.
- Improve the interaction between Relationship Management and Risk Management by providing them with customized training in executive communications and conflict management.
- Launch a sustained effort to overcome excessive risk-aversion and get people to speak up when they have concerns, disagreements or useful ideas. Encourage a culture of critical dialogue and continuous questioning.
- Announce that improved communication across organizational lines is a centrally important need for recognizing and understanding emerging systemic issues and institute practices that encourage it.
- Remember and repeat the factors in successful regulatory initiatives. Articulate
 the personal qualities and behaviors wanted in supervisors, repeat them
 frequently and use them in both hiring and personnel reviews.