

# The Depository Trust Company

# **IMPORTANT**

**B#:** 1713

**DATE:** April 03, 2001

**TO:** All Participants

**CATEGORY:** Finance

**FROM:** Finance Department

**ATTENTION:** Operations Manager, Managing Partner/Officer

**SUBJECT:** Dividend on DTC Series A Preferred Stock

The quarterly dividend on DTC Series A Preferred Stock will be paid to shareholders of record via settlement on April 10, 2001. Dividend payments will appear on your monthly billing statement under the caption "PREFERRED STOCK DIV." The amount of the dividend is \$.95 per share, as approved by the Board of Directors.

For foreign Participants, required U.S. tax withholding will appear under the caption "PFD DIVIDEND TAX W/H" following the dividend amount on your billing statement.

Any questions can be directed to Gary LaCara, Vice President of Finance, at (212) 855-3430.