

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

January 25, 2002

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State of Incorporation)

1-6523

(Commission File Number)

56-0906609

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

100 North Tryon Street

Charlotte, North Carolina

(Address of principal executive offices)

28255

(Zip Code)

(704) 386-5000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

By action dated January 25, 2002, a Committee previously appointed by the Board of Directors of the Registrant, approved the public offering of an aggregate principal amount of \$1,500,000,000 of the Registrant's 5¼% Senior Notes, due 2007 (the "Notes"), to various underwriters (the "Underwriters") and otherwise established the terms and conditions of the Notes and the sale thereof. The resolutions of the Committee are included as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

On January 25, 2002, the Registrant entered into an underwriting agreement with the various Underwriters (the "Underwriting Agreement") for the Notes. The terms of the offering and the Notes are described in the Registrant's Prospectus dated August 5, 1999 constituting a part of the Registration Statement (hereinafter described), as supplemented by a final Global Prospectus Supplement dated January 25, 2002. The Underwriting Agreement is included as Exhibit 1.1 hereto.

The Notes were issued pursuant to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-3, Registration No. 333-83503, as amended ("Registration No. 333-83503"), on a delayed basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Registration No. 333-83503 registered up to \$15,000,000,000 aggregate initial offering price of the Registrant's unsecured debt securities (either senior or subordinated), warrants, units and shares of its preferred stock, including depositary shares, and common stock.

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ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are filed herewith:

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4.1	Form of 5¼% Senior Note, due 2007
5.1	Form of Opinion of Smith Helms Mulliss & Moore, L.L.P. regarding legality of the 5¼% Senior Notes, due 2007
99.1	Resolutions dated January 25, 2002 of a Committee of the Board of Directors with respect to the terms of the offering of the 5¼% Senior Notes, due 2007
99.2	News Release disseminated on January 25, 2002 regarding the sale of the 5¼% Senior Notes, due 2007

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#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION

By: /s/ TERESA M. BRENNER  
TERESA M. BRENNER  
Associate General Counsel

Dated: January 31, 2002

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**BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION**

**UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT (5 1/4% Senior Notes, due 2007)**

New York, New York  
January 25, 2002

To the Representatives  
named in Schedule I  
hereto of the Underwriters  
named in Schedule II hereto

Dear Sirs:

Bank of America Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), proposes to sell to the underwriters named in Schedule II hereto (the "Underwriters"), for whom you are acting as representatives (the "Representatives"), the principal amount of its securities identified in Schedule I hereto (the "Securities"), to be issued under an indenture (the "Indenture") dated as of January 1, 1995 between the Company and The Bank of New York, as trustee (the "Trustee") as supplemented by the First Supplemental Indenture dated as of September 18, 1998 and the Second Supplemental Indenture dated as of May 7, 2001. If the firm or firms listed in Schedule II hereto include only the firm or firms listed in Schedule I hereto, then the terms "Underwriters" and "Representatives", as used herein, each shall be deemed to refer to such firm or firms.

1. Representations and Warranties. (a) The Company represents and warrants to, and agrees with, each Underwriter that:

(i) The Company meets the requirements for use of Form S-3 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act") and has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") a registration statement on such form (the file number of which is set forth in Schedule I hereto), which has become effective, for the registration under the Act of the Securities. Such registration statement, as amended at the date of this Agreement, meets the requirements set forth in Rule 415(a)(1) under the Act and complies in all other material respects with said Rule. The Company proposes to file with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424 or Rule 434 under the Act a supplement to the form of prospectus included in such registration statement relating to the Securities and the plan of distribution thereof and has previously advised you of all further information (financial and other) with respect to the Company to be set forth therein. Such registration statement, including the exhibits thereto, as amended at the date of this Agreement, is hereinafter called the "Registration Statement"; such prospectus in the form in which it appears in the Registration Statement is hereinafter called the "Basic Prospectus"; and such supplemented form of prospectus, in the form in which it shall be filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424 or Rule 434 (including the Basic Prospectus as so supplemented) is hereinafter called the "Final Prospectus." Any preliminary form of the Final Prospectus which has heretofore been filed pursuant to

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Rule 424 hereinafter is called the "Preliminary Final Prospectus." Any reference herein to the Registration Statement, the Basic Prospectus, any Preliminary Final Prospectus or the Final Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the documents incorporated by reference therein pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-3 which were filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") on or before the date of this Agreement, or the issue date of the Basic Prospectus, any Preliminary Final Prospectus or the Final Prospectus, as the case may be; and any reference herein to the terms "amend", "amendment" or "supplement" with respect to the Registration Statement, the Basic Prospectus, and the Preliminary Final Prospectus or the Final Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the filing of any document under the Exchange Act after the date of this Agreement, or the issue date of the Basic Prospectus, any Preliminary Final Prospectus or the Final Prospectus, as the case may be, and deemed to be incorporated therein by reference.

(ii) As of the date hereof, when the Final Prospectus is first filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424 or Rule 434 under the Act, when, prior to the Closing Date (as hereinafter defined), any amendment to the Registration Statement becomes effective (including the filing of any document incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement), when any supplement to the Final Prospectus is filed with the Commission and at the Closing Date (as hereinafter defined), (i) the Registration Statement as amended as of any such time, and the Final Prospectus, as amended or supplemented as of any such time, and the Indenture will comply in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the Act, the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (the "Trust Indenture Act") and the Exchange Act and the respective rules thereunder, (ii) the Registration Statement, as amended as of any such time, will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading, and (iii) the Final Prospectus, as amended or supplemented as of any such time, will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided, however, that the Company makes no representations or warranties as to (A) that part of the Registration Statement which shall constitute the Statement of Eligibility and Qualification of the Trustee (Form T-1) under the Trust Indenture Act of the Trustee or (B) the information contained in or omitted from the Registration Statement or the Final Prospectus or any amendment thereof or supplement thereto in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished in writing to the Company by or on behalf of any Underwriter through the Representatives specifically for use in connection with the preparation of the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus.

(b) Each Underwriter, severally and not jointly, represents and agrees that:

(i) It has not and will not, directly or indirectly, offer, sell or deliver any of the Securities or distribute the Final Prospectus or any other offering material relating to the Securities in or from any jurisdiction except under circumstances that will, to the best of its knowledge and belief, result in compliance with any applicable laws and

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regulations thereof and that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, will not impose any obligations on the Company except as set forth herein.

(ii) In particular, (A) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell any Securities to persons in the United Kingdom prior to the expiration of the period six months from the Closing Date (as defined herein), except to persons whose ordinary activities involve them in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (whether as principal or agent) for the purpose of their businesses or otherwise in circumstances which have not resulted and will not result in an offer to the public in the United Kingdom within the meaning of the Public Offers of Securities Regulation 1995, (B) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the "FSMA") with respect to anything done by it in relation to the Securities in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom, and (C) it will only communicate or cause to be communicated any invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of the FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of the Securities in circumstances in which Section 21(I) of the FSMA does not apply to the Company.

2. Purchase and Sale. Subject to the terms and conditions and in reliance upon the representations and warranties herein set forth, the Company agrees to sell to each Underwriter, and each Underwriter agrees, severally and not jointly, to purchase from the Company, at the purchase price set forth in Schedule I hereto, the principal amount of the Securities set forth opposite such Underwriter's name in Schedule II hereto, except that, if Schedule I hereto provides for the sale of Securities pursuant to delayed delivery arrangements, the respective principal amounts of Securities to be purchased by the Underwriters shall be set forth in Schedule II hereto, less the respective amounts of Contract Securities determined as provided below. Securities to be purchased by the Underwriters are herein sometimes called the "Underwriters' Securities" and Securities to be purchased pursuant to Delayed Delivery Contracts as hereinafter provided are herein called "Contract Securities."

If so provided in Schedule I hereto, the Underwriters are authorized to solicit offers to purchase Securities from the Company pursuant to delayed delivery contracts ("Delayed Delivery Contracts"), substantially in the form of Schedule III hereto but with such changes therein as the Company may authorize or approve. The Underwriters will endeavor to make such arrangements and, as compensation therefor, the Company will pay to the Representatives, for the account of the Underwriters, on the Closing Date, the percentage set forth in Schedule I hereto of the principal amount of the Securities for which Delayed Delivery Contracts are made. Delayed Delivery Contracts are to be with institutional investors, including commercial and savings banks, insurance companies, pension funds, investment companies and educational and charitable institutions. The Company will make Delayed Delivery Contracts in all cases where sales of Contract Securities arranged by the Underwriters have been approved by the Company but, except as the Company may otherwise agree, each such Delayed Delivery Contract must be for not less than the minimum principal amount set forth in Schedule I hereto and the aggregate principal amount of Contract Securities may not exceed the maximum aggregate principal amount set forth in Schedule I hereto. The Underwriters will not have any responsibility in respect of the validity or performance of Delayed Delivery Contracts. The principal amount of

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Securities to be purchased by each Underwriter as set forth in Schedule II hereto shall be reduced by an amount which shall bear the same proportion to the total principal amount of Contract Securities as the principal amount of Securities set forth opposite the name of such Underwriter bears to the aggregate principal amount set forth in Schedule II hereto, except to the extent that you determine that such reduction shall be otherwise than in such proportion and so advise the Company in writing; provided, however, that the total principal amount of Securities to be purchased by all Underwriters shall be the aggregate principal amount set forth in Schedule II hereto, less the aggregate principal amount of Contract Securities.

3. Delivery and Payment. Delivery of and payment for the Underwriters' Securities shall be made on the date and at the time specified in Schedule I hereto, which date and time may be postponed by agreement between the Representatives and the Company or as provided in Section 8 hereof (such date and time of delivery and payment for the Securities being herein called the "Closing Date"). Delivery of the Underwriters' Securities shall be made to the Representatives for the respective accounts of the several Underwriters against payment by the several Underwriters through the Representatives of the purchase price thereof in the manner set forth in Schedule I hereto. Unless otherwise agreed, certificates for the Underwriters' Securities shall be in the form set forth in Schedule I hereto, and such certificates may be deposited with The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") or a custodian of DTC and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC.

4. Agreements. The Company agrees with the several Underwriters that:

(a) Prior to the termination of the offering of the Securities, the Company will not file any amendment of the Registration Statement or supplement (including the Final Prospectus) to the Basic Prospectus unless the Company has furnished you a copy for your review prior to filing and will not file any such proposed amendment or supplement to which you reasonably object. Subject to

the foregoing sentence, the Company will cause the Final Prospectus to be filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424 or Rule 434 via the Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval System. The Company will advise the Representatives promptly (i) when the Final Prospectus shall have been filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424 or Rule 434, (ii) when any amendment to the Registration Statement relating to the Securities shall have become effective, (iii) of any request by the Commission for any amendment of the Registration Statement or amendment of or supplement to the Final Prospectus or for any additional information, (iv) of the issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or the institution or threatening of any proceeding for that purpose and (v) of the receipt by the Company of any notification with respect to the suspension of the qualification of the Securities for sale in any jurisdiction or the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for such purpose. The Company will use its best efforts to prevent the issuance of any such stop order and, if issued, to obtain as soon as possible the withdrawal thereof.

(b) If, at any time when a prospectus relating to the Securities is required to be delivered under the Act, except with respect to any such delivery requirement imposed upon an affiliate of the Company in connection with any secondary market sales, any

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event occurs as a result of which the Final Prospectus as then amended or supplemented would include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary to make the statements therein in light of the circumstances under which they were made not misleading, or if it shall be necessary to amend or supplement the Final Prospectus to comply with the Act or the Exchange Act or the respective rules thereunder, the Company promptly will prepare and file with the Commission, subject to the first sentence of paragraph (a) of this Section 4, an amendment or supplement which will correct such statement or omission or an amendment which will effect such compliance.

(c) The Company will make generally available to its security holders and to the Representatives as soon as practicable, but not later than 60 days after the close of the period covered thereby, an earnings statement (in form complying with the provisions of Rule 158 of the regulations under the Act) covering a 12 month period beginning not later than the first day of the Company's fiscal quarter next following the "effective date" (as defined in said Rule 158) of the Registration Statement.

(d) The Company will furnish to the Representatives and counsel for the Underwriters, without charge, copies of the Registration Statement (including exhibits thereto) and each amendment thereto which shall become effective on or prior to the Closing Date and, so long as delivery of a prospectus by an Underwriter or dealer may be required by the Act, as many copies of any Preliminary Final Prospectus and the Final Prospectus and any amendments thereof and supplements thereto as the Representatives may reasonably request. The Company will pay the expenses of printing all documents relating to the offering.

(e) The Company will arrange for the qualification of the Securities for sale under the laws of such jurisdictions as the Representatives may reasonably designate, will maintain such qualifications in effect so long as required for the distribution of the Securities and will arrange for the determination of the legality of the Securities for purchase by institutional investors; provided, however, that the Company shall not be required to qualify to do business in any jurisdiction where it is not now so qualified or to take any action which would subject it to general or unlimited service of process of any jurisdiction where it is not now so subject.

(f) Until the business day following the Closing Date, the Company will not, without the consent of the Representatives, offer or sell, or announce the offering of, any securities covered by the Registration Statement or by any other registration statement filed under the Act; provided, however, the Company may, at any time, offer or sell or announce the offering of any securities (A) covered by a registration statement on Form S-8 or (B) covered by a registration statement on Form S-3 and (i) pursuant to which the Company issues securities under one of the Company's medium-term note programs or (ii) pursuant to which the Company issues securities for its dividend reinvestment plan.

(g) The Company will use its best efforts to effect the listing of the Securities on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

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5. Conditions to the Obligations of the Underwriters. The obligations of the Underwriters to purchase the Underwriters' Securities shall be subject to the accuracy of the representations and warranties on the part of the Company contained herein as of the date hereof, as of the date of the effectiveness of any amendment to the Registration Statement filed prior to the Closing Date (including the filing of any document incorporated by reference therein) and as of the Closing Date, to the accuracy of the statements of the Company made in any certificates pursuant to the provisions hereof, to the performance by the Company of its obligations hereunder and to the following additional conditions:

(a) No stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement, as amended from time to time, shall have been issued and no proceedings for that purpose shall have been instituted or threatened; and the Final Prospectus shall have been filed or mailed for filing with the Commission within the time period prescribed by the Commission.

(b) The Company shall have furnished to the Representatives the opinion of Smith Helms Mulliss & Moore, L.L.P., counsel for the Company, dated the Closing Date, to the effect of paragraphs (i) and (iv) through (xii) below, and the opinion of Teresa M. Brenner, Associate General Counsel to the Company, dated the Closing Date, to the effect of paragraphs (ii) and (iii) below:

(i) the Company is a duly organized and validly existing corporation in good standing under the laws of the State

of Delaware, has the corporate power and authority to own its properties and conduct its business as described in the Final Prospectus, and is duly registered as a bank holding company under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended; Bank of America, N.A. (the "Principal Subsidiary Bank") is a national banking association formed under the laws of the United States and authorized thereunder to transact business;

(ii) each of the Company and the Principal Subsidiary Bank is qualified or licensed to do business as a foreign corporation in any jurisdiction in which such counsel has knowledge that the Company or the Principal Subsidiary, as the case may be, is required to be so qualified or licensed;

(iii) all the outstanding shares of capital stock of the Principal Subsidiary Bank have been duly and validly authorized and issued and are fully paid and (except as provided in 12 U.S.C. &sect; 55, as amended) nonassessable, and, except as otherwise set forth in the Final Prospectus, all outstanding shares of capital stock of the Principal Subsidiary Bank (except directors' qualifying shares) are owned, directly or indirectly, by the Company free and clear of any perfected security interest, and such counsel is without knowledge of any other security interests, claims, liens or encumbrances;

(iv) the Securities conform in all material respects to the description thereof contained in the Final Prospectus;

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(v) the Indenture has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company, has been duly qualified under the Trust Indenture Act, and constitutes a legal, valid and binding instrument enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms (subject, as to enforcement of remedies, to applicable bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, moratorium, fraudulent conveyance or other similar laws affecting the rights of creditors now or hereafter in effect, and to equitable principles that may limit the right to specific enforcement of remedies, and further subject to 12 U.S.C. &sect;1818(b)(6) (D) and similar bank regulatory powers and to the application of principles of public policy); and the Securities have been duly authorized and, when executed and authenticated in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture and delivered to and paid for by the Underwriters pursuant to this Agreement, in the case of the Underwriters' Securities, or by the purchasers thereof pursuant to Delayed Delivery Contracts, in the case of any Contract Securities, will constitute legal, valid and binding obligations of the Company entitled to the benefits of the Indenture (subject, as to enforcement of remedies, to applicable bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, moratorium, fraudulent conveyance or other similar laws affecting the rights of creditors now or hereafter in effect, and to equitable principles that may limit the right to specific enforcement of remedies, and further subject to 12 U.S.C. &sect;1818(b) (6)(D) and similar bank regulatory powers and to the application of principles of public policy);

(vi) such counsel is without knowledge that (1) there is any pending or threatened action, suit or proceeding before or by any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries, of a character required to be disclosed in the Registration Statement which is not adequately disclosed in the Final Prospectus, or (2) any franchise, contract or other document of a character required to be described in the Registration Statement or Final Prospectus, or to be filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement, is not so described or filed as required;

(vii) the Registration Statement has become effective under the Act; such counsel is without knowledge that any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued or any proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or threatened; and the Registration Statement, the Final Prospectus and each amendment thereof or supplement thereto (other than the financial statements and other financial and statistical information contained therein or incorporated by reference therein, as to which such counsel need express no opinion) comply as to form in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the Act and the Exchange Act and the respective rules thereunder;

(viii) this Agreement and any Delayed Delivery Contracts have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and each constitutes a legal, valid and binding agreement of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms (subject, as to enforcement of remedies, to applicable bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, moratorium, fraudulent conveyance or other similar laws affecting the rights of creditors now or hereafter in effect, and to equitable principles that may limit the right to specific enforcement of remedies, and except insofar

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as the enforceability of the indemnity and contribution provisions contained in this Agreement may be limited by federal and state securities laws, and further subject to 12 U.S.C. Section 1818(b)(6)(D) and similar bank regulatory powers and to the application of principles of public policy);

(ix) no consent, approval, authorization or order of any court or governmental agency or body is required on behalf of the Company for the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein or in any Delayed Delivery Contracts, except such as have been obtained under the Act and such as may be required under the blue sky or insurance laws of any jurisdiction in connection with the purchase and distribution of the Securities by the Underwriters and such other approvals (specified in such opinion) as have been obtained;

(x) neither the issue and sale of the Securities, nor the consummation of any other of the transactions herein

contemplated nor the fulfillment of the terms hereof or of any Delayed Delivery Contracts will conflict with, result in a breach of, or constitute a default under the certificate of incorporation or by-laws of the Company or (1) the terms of any material indenture or other agreement or instrument known to such counsel and to which the Company or the Principal Subsidiary Bank is a party or bound, or (2) any order or regulation known to such counsel to be applicable to the Company or the Principal Subsidiary Bank of any court, regulatory body, administrative agency, governmental body or arbitrator having jurisdiction over the Company or the Principal Subsidiary Bank;

(xi) such counsel is without knowledge of rights to the registration of securities of the Company under the Registration Statement which have not been waived by the holders of such rights or which have not expired by reason of lapse of time following notification of the Company's intention to file the Registration Statement; and

(xii) the Company has caused a listing application with respect to the Securities to be filed with the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, and such counsel has received no information stating that the Securities will not be authorized for listing.

In rendering such opinion, but without opining in connection therewith, such counsel shall also state that, although it has not independently verified, is not passing upon and assumes no responsibility for the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the statements contained in the Registration Statement, it has no reason to believe that the Registration Statement or any amendment thereof at the time it became effective and as of the date of such opinion contained any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading or that the Final Prospectus, as amended or supplemented, as of its date and the date of such opinion, contains any untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

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In rendering such opinion, such counsel may rely (A) as to matters involving the application of laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of North Carolina or the United States, or the General Corporate Law of Delaware to the extent deemed proper and specified in such opinion, upon the opinion of other counsel of good standing believed to be reliable and who are satisfactory to counsel for the Underwriters; and (B) as to matters of fact, to the extent deemed proper, on certificates of responsible officers of the Company and its subsidiaries and public officials.

(c) The Representatives shall have received from Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, such opinion or opinions, dated the Closing Date, with respect to the issuance and sale of the Securities, the Indenture, any Delayed Delivery Contracts, the Registration Statement, the Final Prospectus and other related matters as the Representatives may reasonably require, and the Company shall have furnished to such counsel such documents as they request for the purpose of enabling them to pass upon such matters.

(d) The Company shall have furnished to the Representatives a certificate of the Company, signed by the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer or a Senior Vice President and the principal financial or accounting officer of the Company, dated the Closing Date, to the effect that the signers of such certificate have carefully examined the Registration Statement, the Final Prospectus and this Agreement and they are without knowledge that:

(i) the representations and warranties of the Company in this Agreement are not true and correct in all material respects on and as of the Closing Date with the same effect as if made on the Closing Date and the Company has not complied with all the agreements and satisfied all the conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied at or prior to the Closing Date;

(ii) any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement, as amended, has been issued or any proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or threatened; and

(iii) since the date of the most recent financial statements included in the Final Prospectus, there has been any material adverse change in the condition (financial or other), earnings, business or properties of the Company and its subsidiaries, whether or not arising from transactions in the ordinary course of business, except as set forth in or contemplated in the Final Prospectus.

(e) At the Closing Date, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP shall have furnished to the Representatives a letter or letters (which may refer to letters previously delivered to one or more of the Representatives), dated as of the Closing Date, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representatives, confirming that the response, if any, to Item 10 of the Registration Statement is correct insofar as it relates to them and stating in effect that:

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(i) They are independent accountants within the meaning of the Act and the Exchange Act and the respective applicable published rules and regulations thereunder.



(ii) In their opinion, the consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries audited by them and included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and Final Prospectus comply as to form in all material respects with the applicable accounting requirements of the Act and the regulations thereunder with respect to registration statements on Form S-3 and the Exchange Act and the regulations thereunder.

(iii) On the basis of procedures (but not an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards) consisting of:

(a) Reading the minutes of the meetings of the shareholders, the board of directors, executive committee and audit committee of the Company and the boards of directors and executive committees of its subsidiaries as set forth in the minute books through a specified date not more than five business days prior to the date of delivery of such letter;

(b) Performing the procedures specified by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants for a review of interim financial information as described in SAS No. 71, Interim Financial Information, on the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and Final Prospectus and reading the unaudited interim financial data, if any, for the period from the date of the latest balance sheet included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and Final Prospectus to the date of the latest available interim financial data; and

(c) Making inquiries of certain officials of the Company who have responsibility for financial and accounting matters regarding the specific items for which representations are requested below;

nothing has come to their attention as a result of the foregoing procedures that caused them to believe that:

(1) the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements, included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and Final Prospectus, do not comply as to form in all material respects with the applicable accounting requirements of the Exchange Act and the published rules and regulations thereunder;

(2) any material modifications should be made to the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements, included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and Final Prospectus, for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles;

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(3) (i) at the date of the latest available interim financial data and at the specified date not more than five business days prior to the date of the delivery of such letter, there was any change in the capital stock or the long-term debt (other than scheduled repayments of such debt) or any decreases in shareholders' equity of the Company and the subsidiaries on a consolidated basis as compared with the amounts shown in the latest balance sheet included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus or (ii) for the period from the date of the latest available financial data to a specified date not more than five business days prior to the delivery of such letter, there was any change in the capital stock or the long-term debt (other than scheduled repayments of such debt) or any decreases in shareholders' equity of the Company and the subsidiaries on a consolidated basis, except in all instances for changes or decreases which the Registration Statement and Prospectus discloses have occurred or may occur, or PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP shall state any specific changes or decreases.

(iv) The letter shall also state that PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP has carried out certain other specified procedures, not constituting an audit, with respect to certain amounts, percentages and financial information which are included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and Final Prospectus and which are specified by the Representatives and agreed to by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, and has found such amounts, percentages and financial information to be in agreement with the relevant accounting, financial and other records of the Company and its subsidiaries identified in such letter.

In addition, at the time this Agreement is executed, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP shall have furnished to the Representatives a letter or letters, dated the date of this Agreement, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representatives, to the effect set forth in this paragraph (e) and in Schedule I hereto.

(f) Subsequent to the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus, there shall not have been (i) any change or decrease specified in the letter or letters referred to in paragraph (e) of this Section 5 or (ii) any change, or any development involving a prospective change, in or affecting the earnings, business or properties of the Company and its subsidiaries the effect of which, in any case referred to in clause (i) or (ii) above, is, in the judgment of the Representatives, so material and adverse as to make it impractical or inadvisable to proceed with the offering or the delivery of the Securities as contemplated by the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus.

(g) Prior to the Closing Date, the Company shall have furnished to the Representatives such further information, certificates and documents as the Representatives may reasonably request.

(h) The Company shall have accepted Delayed Delivery Contracts in any case where sales of Contract Securities arranged by the Underwriters have been approved by the Company.

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If any of the conditions specified in this Section 5 shall not have been fulfilled in all material respects when and as provided in this Agreement, or if any of the opinions and certificates mentioned above or elsewhere in this Agreement shall not be in all material respects reasonably satisfactory in form and substance to the Representatives and their counsel, this Agreement and all obligations of the Underwriters hereunder may be canceled at, or at any time prior to, the Closing Date by the Representatives. Notice of such cancellation shall be given to the Company in writing or by telephone or telegraph confirmed in writing.

6. Reimbursement of Underwriters' Expenses. If the sale of the Securities provided for herein is not consummated because any condition to the obligations of the Underwriters set forth in Section 5 hereof is not satisfied or because of any refusal, inability or failure on the part of the Company to perform any agreement herein or comply with any provision hereof other than by reason of a default by any of the Underwriters, the Company will reimburse the Underwriters severally upon demand for all out-of-pocket expenses (including reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel) that shall have been incurred by them in connection with the proposed purchase and sale of the Securities.

7. Indemnification and Contribution. (a) The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter and each person who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of either the Act or the Exchange Act against any and all losses, claims, damages or liabilities, joint or several, to which they or any of them may become subject under the Act, the Exchange Act or other Federal or state statutory law or regulation, at common law or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement as originally filed or in any amendment thereof, or arise out of or are based upon omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, or arise out of or are based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Prospectus, or any amendment or supplement thereof, or arise out of or are based upon any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, and agrees to reimburse each such indemnified party for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by them in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action; provided, however, that (i) the Company will not be liable in any such case to the extent that any such loss, claim, damage or liability arises out of or is based upon any such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission made therein in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by or on behalf of any Underwriter through the Representatives specifically for use in connection with the preparation thereof, or arises out of or is based upon statements in or omissions from that part of the Registration Statement which shall constitute the Statement of Eligibility and Qualification of the Trustee (Form T-1) under the Trust Indenture Act of the Trustee, and (ii) such indemnity with respect to the Basic Prospectus or any Preliminary Final Prospectus shall not inure to the benefit of any Underwriter (or any person controlling such Underwriter) from whom the person asserting any such loss, claim, damage or liability purchased the Securities which are the subject thereof if such person did not receive a copy of the Final Prospectus (or the Final Prospectus as amended or supplemented) excluding documents

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incorporated therein by reference at or prior to the confirmation of the sale of such Securities to such person in any case where such delivery is required by the Act and the untrue statement or omission of a material fact contained in the Basic Prospectus or any Preliminary Final Prospectus was corrected in the Final Prospectus (or the Final Prospectus as amended or supplemented). This indemnity agreement will be in addition to any liability which the Company may otherwise have.

(b) Each Underwriter severally agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, each of its directors, each of its officers who signs the Registration Statement, and each person who controls the Company within the meaning of either the Act or the Exchange Act, to the same extent as the foregoing indemnity from the Company to each Underwriter, but only with reference to written information relating to such Underwriter furnished to the Company by or on behalf of such Underwriter through the Representatives specifically for use in the preparation of the documents referred to in the foregoing indemnity. This indemnity agreement will be in addition to any liability which any Underwriter may otherwise have. The Company acknowledges that the statements set forth in the last paragraph of the cover page regarding delivery of the Securities and, under the heading "Underwriting", (i) the list of Underwriters and their respective participation in the sale of the Securities, (ii) the paragraph relating to concessions and reallowances, and (iii) the paragraph related to stabilization and syndicate covering transactions, constitute the only information furnished in writing by or on behalf of the several Underwriters for inclusion in the documents referred to in the foregoing indemnity, and the Representatives confirm that such statements are correct.

(c) Promptly after receipt by an indemnified party under this Section 7 of notice of the commencement of any action, such indemnified party will, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against the indemnifying party under this Section 7, notify the indemnifying party in writing of the commencement thereof; but the omission so to notify the indemnifying party will not relieve it from any liability which it may have to any indemnified party otherwise than under this Section 7. In case any such action is brought against any indemnified party, and it notifies the indemnifying party of the commencement thereof, the indemnifying party will be entitled to participate therein, and, to the extent that it may elect by written notice delivered to the indemnified party promptly after receiving the aforesaid notice from such indemnified party, to assume the defense thereof, with counsel satisfactory to such indemnified party; provided, however, that if the defendants in any such action include both the indemnified party and the indemnifying party and the indemnified party shall have reasonably concluded that there may be legal defenses available to it and/or other indemnified parties which are different from or additional to those available to the indemnifying party, the indemnified party or parties shall have the right to select separate counsel to assert such legal defenses and to otherwise participate in the defense of such action on behalf of such indemnified party or parties. Upon receipt of notice from the indemnifying party to such

indemnified party of its election so to assume the defense of such action and approval by the indemnified party of counsel, the indemnifying party will not be liable to such indemnified party under this Section 7 for any legal or other expenses subsequently incurred by such indemnified party in connection with the defense thereof unless (i) the indemnified party shall have employed separate counsel in connection with the assertion of legal defenses in accordance with the proviso to the next preceding sentence (it being understood, however, that the indemnifying party shall not be liable

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for the expenses of more than one separate counsel, approved by the Representatives in the case of subparagraph (a), representing the indemnified parties under subparagraph (a) who are parties to such action), (ii) the indemnifying party shall not have employed counsel satisfactory to the indemnified party to represent the indemnified party within a reasonable time after notice of commencement of the action or (iii) the indemnifying party has authorized the employment of counsel for the indemnified party at the expense of the indemnifying party; and except that if clause (i) or (iii) is applicable, such liability shall be only in respect of the counsel referred to in such clause (i) or (iii).

(d) To provide for just and equitable contribution in circumstances in which the indemnification provided for in paragraph (a) of this Section 7 is due in accordance with its terms but is for any reason held by a court to be unavailable from the Company on the grounds of policy or otherwise, the Company and the Underwriters shall contribute to the aggregate losses, claims, damages and liabilities (including legal or other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with investigating or defending same) to which the Company and one or more of the Underwriters may be subject in such proportion so that the Underwriters are responsible for that portion represented by the percentage that the underwriting discount bears to the sum of such discount and the purchase price of the Securities specified in Schedule I hereto and the Company is responsible for the balance; provided, however, that (y) in no case shall any Underwriter (except as may be provided in any agreement among underwriters relating to the offering of the Securities) be responsible for any amount in excess of the underwriting discount applicable to the Securities purchased by such Underwriter hereunder and (z) no person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. For purposes of this Section 7, each person who controls an Underwriter within the meaning of the Act shall have the same rights to contribution as such Underwriter, and each person who controls the Company within the meaning of either the Act or the Exchange Act, each officer of the Company who shall have signed the Registration Statement and each director of the Company shall have the same rights to contribution as the Company, subject in each case to clause (y) of this paragraph (d). Any party entitled to contribution will, promptly after receipt of notice of commencement of any action, suit or proceeding against such party in respect of which a claim for contribution may be made against another party or parties under this paragraph (d), notify such party or parties from whom contribution may be sought, but the omission to so notify such party or parties shall not relieve the party or parties from whom contribution may be sought from any other obligation it or they may have hereunder or otherwise than under this paragraph (d).

8. Default by an Underwriter. If any one or more Underwriters shall fail to purchase and pay for any of the Securities agreed to be purchased by such Underwriter or Underwriters hereunder and such failure to purchase shall constitute a default in the performance of its or their obligations under this Agreement, the remaining Underwriters shall be obligated severally to take up and pay for (in the respective proportions which the amount of Securities set forth opposite their names in Schedule II hereto bear to the aggregate amount of Securities set forth opposite the names of all the remaining Underwriters) the Securities which the defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters agreed but failed to purchase; provided, however, that in the event that the aggregate amount of Securities which the defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters agreed but failed to purchase shall exceed 10% of the aggregate amount of Securities set forth in

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Schedule II hereto, the remaining Underwriters shall have the right to purchase all, but shall not be under any obligation to purchase any, of the Securities, and if such nondefaulting Underwriters do not purchase all the Securities, this Agreement will terminate without liability to any nondefaulting Underwriter or the Company. In the event of a default by any Underwriter as set forth in this Section 8, the Closing Date shall be postponed for such period, not exceeding seven days, as the Representatives shall determine in order that the required changes in the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus or in any other documents or arrangements may be effected. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall relieve any defaulting Underwriter of its liability, if any, to the Company and any nondefaulting Underwriter for damages occasioned by its default hereunder.

9. Termination. This Agreement shall be subject to termination in the absolute discretion of the Representatives, by notice given to the Company prior to delivery of and payment for the Securities, if prior to such time (i) trading in securities generally on the New York Stock Exchange shall have been suspended or limited or minimum prices shall have been established on such exchange, (ii) a banking moratorium or a material disruption in the commercial banking or securities settlement or clearance services in the United States shall have been declared by Federal or New York State authorities or (iii) there shall have occurred any outbreak or material escalation of hostilities or other calamity or crisis (in the United States or elsewhere) the effect of which on the financial markets of the United States is such as to make it, in the judgment of the Representatives, impracticable to market the Securities.

10. Representations and Indemnities to Survive. The respective agreements, representations, warranties, indemnities and other statements of the Company or its officers and of the Underwriters set forth in or made pursuant to this Agreement will remain in full force and effect, regardless of any investigation made by or on behalf of any Underwriter or the Company or any of the officers, directors or controlling persons referred to in Section 7 hereof, and will survive delivery of and payment for the Securities. The provisions of Section 6 and 7 hereof and this Section 10 shall survive the termination or cancellation of this Agreement.

11. Notices. All communications hereunder will be in writing and effective only on receipt, and, if sent to the Representatives, will be

mailed, delivered or telegraphed and confirmed to them, at the address specified in Schedule I hereto, with a copy to: Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP, 180 Maiden Lane, New York, New York 10038, Attn: James R. Tanenbaum; or, if sent to the Company, will be mailed, delivered or telegraphed and confirmed to it at Bank of America Corporate Center, 100 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255, attention of the Secretary, with a copy to each of: Bank of America Corporation, Bank of America Corporate Center, 100 North Tryon Street, Legal Department, NC1-002-29-01, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255, Attn: Paul J. Polking, General Counsel; and Smith Helms Mulliss & Moore, L.L.P., 201 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202, Attn: Boyd C. Campbell, Jr.

12. Successors. This Agreement will inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors and the officers and directors and controlling persons referred to in Section 7 hereof, and no other person will have any right or obligation hereunder.

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13. Applicable Law. This Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to principles of conflict of laws.

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If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding of our agreement, please sign and return to us the enclosed duplicate hereof, whereupon this letter and your acceptance shall represent a binding agreement among the Company and the several Underwriters.

Very truly yours,

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION

By: /s/ KAREN A. GOSNELL

Name: Karen A. Gosnell

Title: Senior Vice President

The foregoing Agreement is hereby confirmed and accepted as of the date specified in Schedule I hereto.

By: BANC OF AMERICA SECURITIES LLC

By: /S/ ILEANA I. CHU

Name: Ileana I. Chu

Title: Principal

For themselves and the other several Underwriters, if any, named in Schedule II to the foregoing Agreement.

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## SCHEDULE I

Underwriting Agreement dated January 25, 2002

Registration Statement No. 333-83503

Representatives: Banc of America Securities LLC  
Barclays Capital Inc.

Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc.  
Credit Suisse First Boston Corporation  
Goldman, Sachs & Co.  
Lehman Brothers Inc.  
Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated  
Loop Capital Markets, LLC  
The Williams Capital Group, L.P.

Address of Representatives: c/o Banc of America Securities LLC  
100 North Tryon Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28255  
Attention: Ileana Chu, Vice President

Title, Purchase Price and Description of Securities:

Title: 5 1/4% Senior Notes, due 2007

Principal amount: \$1,500,000,000

Purchase price (include type of funds and accrued interest or amortization, if applicable): 99.631%; in federal (same day) funds or wire transfer to an account previously designated to the Representatives by the Company or, if agreed to by the Representatives and the Company, by certified or official bank check or checks.

Sinking fund provisions: none

Redemption provisions: Except in those situations in which the Company may become obligated to pay additional amounts (as described in the Final Prospectus), the Securities of this series are not subject to redemption at the option of the Corporation or repayment at the option of the holder prior to maturity.

Other provisions: none

Closing Date, Time and Location: January 31, 2002, 9:00 A.M. New York City time, office of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP

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Listing: Application will be made to list the Securities on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange

Delayed Delivery Arrangements: none

Additional items to be covered by the letter from  
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP delivered pursuant  
to Section 5(e) at the time this Agreement is executed: none

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## SCHEDULE II

<u>Underwriters</u>	<u>Principal Amount Of Securities to Be Purchased</u>
Banc of America Securities LLC	\$1,350,000,000
Barclays Capital Inc.	22,500,000
Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc.	22,500,000
Credit Suisse First Boston Corporation	22,500,000

Goldman, Sachs & Co.	22,500,000
Lehman Brothers Inc.	22,500,000
Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated	22,500,000
Loop Capital Markets, LLC	7,500,000
The Williams Capital Group, L.P.	7,500,000
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TOTAL	\$1,500,000,000

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### SCHEDULE III

#### Delayed Delivery Contract

[Date]

[Insert name and address  
of lead Representative]

Dear Sirs:

The undersigned hereby agrees to purchase from Bank of America Corporation (the "Company"), and the Company agrees to sell to the undersigned, on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, (the "Delivery Date"), \$\_\_\_\_\_ principal amount of the Company's \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Securities") offered by the Company's Final Prospectus dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, receipt of a copy of which is hereby acknowledged, at a purchase price of % of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest, if any, thereon from \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, to the date of payment and delivery, and on the further terms and conditions set forth in this contract.

Payment for the Securities to be purchased by the undersigned shall be made on or before 11:00 A.M. on the Delivery Date to or upon the order of the Company in New York Clearing House (next day) funds, at your office or at such other place as shall be agreed between the Company and the undersigned upon delivery to the undersigned of the Securities in definitive fully registered form and in such authorized denominations and registered in such names as the undersigned may request by written or telegraphic communication addressed to the Company not less than five full business days prior to the Delivery Date. If no request is received, the Securities will be registered in the name of the undersigned and issued in a denomination equal to the aggregate principal amount of Securities to be purchased by the undersigned on the Delivery Date.

The obligation of the undersigned to take delivery of and make payment for Securities on the Delivery Date, and the obligation of the Company to sell and deliver Securities on the Delivery Date, shall be subject to the conditions (and neither party shall incur any liability by reason of the failure thereof) that (1) the purchase of Securities to be made by the undersigned, which purchase the undersigned represents is not prohibited on the date hereof, shall not on the Delivery Date be prohibited under the laws of the jurisdiction to which the undersigned is subject, and (2) the Company, on or before the Delivery Date, shall have sold to certain underwriters (the "Underwriters") such principal amount of the Securities as is to be sold to them pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement referred to in the Final Prospectus mentioned above. Promptly after completion of such sale to the Underwriters, the Company will mail or deliver to the undersigned at its address set forth below notice to such effect, accompanied by a copy of the opinion of counsel for the Company delivered to the Underwriters in connection therewith. The obligation of the undersigned to take delivery of and make payment for the Securities, and the obligation of the Company to cause the Securities to be sold and delivered, shall not be affected by the failure of any purchaser to take delivery of and make payment for the Securities pursuant to other contracts similar to this contract.

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This contract will inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors, but will not be assignable by either party hereto without the written consent of the other.

It is understood that acceptance of this contract and other similar contracts is in the Company's sole discretion and, without limiting the foregoing, need not be on the first come, first served basis. If this contract is acceptable to the Company, it is required that the Company sign the form of acceptance below and mail or deliver one of the counterparts hereof to the undersigned at its address set forth below. This will become a binding contract between the Company and the undersigned, as of the date first above written, when such counterpart is so mailed or

delivered.

This agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to principles of conflict of laws.

Very truly yours,

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Purchaser)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature and Title of Officer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

Accepted:

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Authorized Signature)

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THIS SECURITY IS A GLOBAL SECURITY WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE INDENTURE HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AND IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF A DEPOSITORY OR A NOMINEE OF A DEPOSITORY. THIS SECURITY IS NOT EXCHANGEABLE FOR NOTES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF A PERSON OTHER THAN THE DEPOSITORY OR ITS NOMINEE, EXCEPT IN THE LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED IN THE INDENTURE, AND NO TRANSFER OF THIS NOTE (OTHER THAN A TRANSFER OF THIS NOTE AS A WHOLE BY THE DEPOSITORY TO A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITORY OR BY A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITORY TO THE DEPOSITORY OR ANOTHER NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITORY) MAY BE REGISTERED EXCEPT IN THE LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED IN THE INDENTURE.

Unless this certificate is presented by an authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company, a New York corporation ("DTC"), to the issuer or its agent for registration of transfer, exchange or payment, and any certificate issued is registered in the name of Cede & Co. or such other name as requested by an authorized representative of DTC (and any payment is made to Cede & Co. or such other entity as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL inasmuch as the registered owner hereof, Cede & Co., has an interest herein.

THIS NOTE IS NOT A SAVINGS ACCOUNT OR A DEPOSIT, IS NOT AN OBLIGATION OF OR GUARANTEED BY ANY BANKING OR NONBANKING AFFILIATE OF BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION AND IS NOT INSURED BY THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY.

REGISTERED

\$400,000,000

NUMBER R-1

CUSIP NO. 060505 AL 8

ISIN No.US060505AL82

**BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION**

5¼% SENIOR NOTE, DUE 2007

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation (herein called the "Corporation," which term includes any successor corporation under the Indenture referred to on the reverse hereof), for value received, hereby promises to pay to CEDE & CO., or registered assigns, the principal sum of FOUR HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS on February 1, 2007, and to pay interest on said principal sum, semiannually in arrears on February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing August 1, 2002, at the rate of 5¼%, from the February 1 or August 1, as the case may be, next preceding the date of this Note to which interest has been paid, unless the date hereof is a date to which interest has been paid, in which case from the date of this Note, or unless no interest has been paid on the Note, in which case from January 31, 2002, until payment of such principal sum has been made or duly provided for. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the date hereof is after a record date for the Note (which shall be the close of business on the 15th day of the calendar month next preceding an interest payment date) and before the next succeeding interest payment date, this Note shall bear interest from such interest payment date; *provided, however*, that if the Corporation shall default in the payment of interest due on such interest payment date, then this Note shall bear interest from the next preceding interest payment date to which interest has been paid, or, if no interest has been paid on the Notes, from January 31, 2002. The interest so payable, and punctually paid or duly provided for, on any interest payment date will, as provided in such Indenture, be paid to the person in whose name this Note (or one or more predecessor Notes evidencing all or a portion of the same debt as this Note) is registered at the close of business on the record date for such interest payment date. The principal of and interest on this Note are payable in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts, at the office or agency of the Corporation in New York, New York or such other places that the

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Corporation shall designate as provided in such Indenture; provided, however, that interest may be paid, at the option of the Corporation, by check mailed to the person entitled thereto at his address last appearing on the Security Register of the Corporation relating to the Notes. Any interest not punctually paid or duly provided for shall be payable as provided in such Indenture.

The principal of and interest on this Note are payable in immediately available funds in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts at the office or agency of the Corporation designated as provided in the Indenture; provided, however, that interest may be paid, at the option of the Corporation, by check mailed to the person entitled thereto at his address last appearing on the registry books of the Corporation relating to the Notes.

Reference is made to the further provisions of this Note set forth on the reverse hereof, which shall have the same effect as though fully set forth at this place.

Unless the certificate of authentication hereon has been executed by the Trustee or by an Authenticating Agent on behalf of the Trustee by manual signature, this Note shall not be entitled to any benefit under such Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Corporation has caused this Instrument to be duly executed, by manual or facsimile signature, under its corporate seal or a facsimile thereof.

**BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: Senior Vice President

[SEAL]

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant Secretary

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CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This is one of the Securities of the series designated therein referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

THE BANK OF NEW YORK,  
as Trustee

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signatory

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[Reverse of Note]

**BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION**

**5¼% SENIOR NOTE, DUE 2007**

This Note is one of a duly authorized series of Securities of the Corporation unlimited in aggregate principal amount (herein called the "Notes") issued and to be issued under an Indenture dated as of January 1, 1995 (herein called the "Indenture"), between the Corporation (successor to NationsBank Corporation) and The Bank of New York (successor in interest to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as successor trustee to BankAmerica National Trust Company, herein called the "Trustee," which term includes any successor trustee under the Indenture), as supplemented by a First Supplemental Indenture dated as of September 18, 1998 and a Second Supplemental Indenture dated as of May 7, 2001, to which Indenture and all indentures supplemental thereto reference is hereby made for a statement of the respective rights thereunder of the Corporation, the Trustee and the holders of the Notes, and the terms upon which the Notes are, and are to be, authenticated and delivered. The series of which this Note is a part also is designated as the Corporation's 5¼% Senior Notes, due 2007 (herein called the "Notes"), initially in the principal amount of \$1,500,000,000. The Bank of New York initially has been appointed as Security Registrar, Authenticating and Paying Agent in connection with the Notes.

This Note is not subject to any sinking fund.

Except in those situations in which the Corporation may become obligated to pay additional amounts (as described herein), the Notes of this series are not subject to redemption at the option of the Corporation or repayment at the option of the holder prior to maturity.

The provisions of Article Fourteen of the Indenture do not apply to Securities of this Series.

Subject to the exemptions and limitations set forth below, the Corporation will pay additional amounts to the beneficial owner of this Note that is a non-United States person in order to ensure that every net payment on such Note will not be less, due to payment of United States withholding tax, than the amount then due and payable. For this purpose, a "net payment" on the Note means a payment by the Corporation or any paying agent, including payment of principal and interest, after deduction for any present or future tax, assessment or other governmental charge of the United States. These additional amounts will constitute additional interest on the Note.

The Corporation will not be required to pay additional amounts, however, in any of the circumstances described in items (1) through (13) below.

(1) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on the Note is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the beneficial owner of the Note:

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- having a relationship with the United States as a citizen, resident, or otherwise;
- having had such a relationship in the past; or
- being considered as having had such a relationship.

(2) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on the Note is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the beneficial owner of the Note:

- being treated as present in or engaged in a trade or business in the United States;

- being treated as having been present in or engaged in a trade or business in the United States in the past;
- having or having had a permanent establishment in the United States; or
- having or having had a qualified business unit which has the United States dollar as its functional currency.

(3) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on the Note is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the beneficial owner of the Note being or having been a:

- personal holding company;
- foreign personal holding company;
- foreign private foundation or other foreign tax-exempt organization;
- controlled foreign investment company; or
- corporation which has accumulated earnings to avoid United States federal income tax.

(4) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on the Note is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the beneficial owner of the Note owning or having owned, actually or constructively, 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of the Corporation's stock entitled to vote;

(5) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on the Note is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the beneficial owner of the Note being a bank extending credit pursuant to a loan agreement entered into in the ordinary course of business.

For purposes of items (1) through (5) above, "beneficial owner" includes a fiduciary, settlor, partner, member, shareholder or beneficiary of the holder if the holder is an estate, trust,

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partnership, limited liability company, corporation, or other entity, or a person holding a power over an estate or trust administered by a fiduciary holder.

(6) Additional amounts will not be payable to any beneficial owner of the Note that is:

- a fiduciary;
- a partnership;
- a limited liability company;
- another fiscally transparent entity; or
- not the sole beneficial owner of the Note, or any portion of the Note.

However, this exception to the obligation to pay additional amounts will only apply to the extent that a beneficiary or settlor in relation to the fiduciary, or a beneficial owner, partner or member of the partnership, limited liability company, or other fiscally transparent entity, would not have been entitled to the payment of an additional amount had the beneficiary, settlor, partner, beneficial owner, or member received directly its beneficial or distributive share of the payment.

(7) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on the Note is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld by reason of the failure of the beneficial owner or any other person to comply with applicable certification, identification, documentation or other information reporting requirements. This exception to the obligation to pay additional amounts will apply only if compliance with such reporting requirements is required as a precondition to exemption from such tax, assessment or other governmental charge by statute or regulations of the United States or by an applicable income tax treaty to which the United States is a party.

(8) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on the Note is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is collected or imposed by any method other than by withholding from a payment on the Note by the Corporation or any paying agent.

(9) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on the Note is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld by reason of a change in law, regulation, or administrative or judicial interpretation that becomes effective more than 15 days after the payment becomes due or is duly provided for, whichever occurs later.

(10) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on the Note is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld by reason of the presentation by the beneficial owner of the Note for payment more than 30 days after the date on which such payment becomes due or is duly provided for, whichever occurs later.

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(11) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on the Note is reduced as result of any:

- estate tax;

- inheritance tax;
- gift tax;
- sales tax;
- excise tax;
- transfer tax;
- wealth tax;
- personal property tax; or
- any similar tax, assessment or other governmental charge.

(12) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on the Note is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge required to be withheld by any paying agent from a payment of principal or interest on the Note if such payment can be made without such withholding by any other paying agent.

(13) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on the Note is reduced as a result of any combination of items (1) through (12) above.

The Notes of this series may be redeemed at the option of the Corporation in whole, but not in part, at any time, on giving not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice to the Trustee and the holders of the Notes, if the Corporation has or may become obliged to pay additional amounts as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of the United States or any political subdivision or any authority thereof or therein having power to tax, or any change in the application or official interpretation of such laws or regulations after the date of this Note.

Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption, the Corporation shall deliver to the Trustee a certificate signed by the Chief Financial Officer or a Senior Vice President of the Corporation stating that the Corporation is entitled to effect such redemption and setting forth a statement of facts showing the conditions precedent to the right to redeem.

Notes so redeemed will be redeemed at 100% of their principal amount together with interest accrued up to (but excluding) the date of redemption.

As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, the transfer of this Note may be registered on the Security Register of the Corporation relating to the Notes, upon surrender of this Note for registration of transfer at the office or agency of the

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Corporation designated by it pursuant to the Indenture, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Corporation and the Trustee or the Security Registrar duly executed by, the registered holder hereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon one or more new Notes, of authorized denominations and for the same aggregate principal amount, will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees.

The Notes are issuable only as registered Notes without coupons in the denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple in excess thereof. As provided in the Indenture, and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, the Notes are exchangeable for a like aggregate principal amount of Notes of different authorized denominations, as requested by the holder surrendering the same.

If any interest payment date or maturity date for this Note falls on a day that is not a Business Day, the interest payment date or maturity date will be the following day that is a Business Day and the payment of interest or principal will be made on such next Business Day as if it were made on the date such payment was due and no additional interest will accrue on the amount so payable for the period from and after such interest payment date or maturity date.

No service charge will be made for any such registration of transfer or exchange, but the Corporation may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith.

Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer of this Note, the Corporation, the Trustee, and any agent of the Corporation or the Trustee may treat the person in whose name this Note is registered as the absolute owner hereof for the purpose of receiving payment as herein provided and for all other purposes, whether or not this Note be overdue, and neither the Corporation, the Trustee nor any such agent shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

If an Event of Default (defined in the Indenture as (i) the Corporation's failure to pay the principal of (or premium, if any, on) any Notes when due, or to pay interest on the Notes within 30 days after the same becomes due, (ii) the Corporation's breach of its other covenants contained in this Note or the Indenture, which breach is not cured within 90 days after written notice by the Trustee or the holders of at least 25% in outstanding principal amount of all Securities issued under the Indenture and affected thereby, and (iii) certain events involving the bankruptcy, insolvency or liquidation of the Corporation) shall occur with respect to the Notes, the principal of all the Notes may be declared due and payable in the manner and with the effect provided in the Indenture.

The Indenture permits, with certain exceptions as therein provided, the amendment thereof and the modification of the rights and obligations of the Corporation and the rights of the holders of the Notes under the Indenture at any time by the Corporation with the consent of the holders of not less than 66 2/3% in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding and all other Securities then outstanding under the Indenture and affected by such amendment and modification. The Indenture also contains provisions permitting the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of Notes then outstanding and all other Securities then outstanding under the Indenture and affected

thereby, on behalf of the holders of all Securities, to waive compliance by the Corporation with certain provisions of the Indenture and certain past defaults

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under the Indenture and their consequences. Any such consent or waiver by the holder of this Note shall be conclusive and binding upon such holder and upon all future holders of this Note and of any Note issued upon the registration of transfer hereof or in exchange herefor or in lieu hereof whether or not notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this Note.

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Note or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Corporation, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of and interest on this Note at the times, place and rate, and in the coin or currency, herein prescribed.

No recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal of or the interest on this Note, or for any claim based hereon, or otherwise in respect hereof, or based on or in respect of the Indenture or any indenture supplemental thereto, against any incorporator, stockholder, officer, or director, as such, past, present or future, of the Corporation or any predecessor or successor corporation, whether by virtue of any constitution, statute or rule of law, or by the enforcement of any assessment or penalty or otherwise, all such liability being, by the acceptance hereof and as part of the consideration for issue hereof, expressly waived and released.

As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, the transfer of this Note may be registered on the registry books of the Corporation relating to the Notes, upon surrender of this Note for registration of transfer at the office or agency of the Corporation designated by it pursuant to the Indenture, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Corporation and the Trustee or the Security Registrar duly executed by, the registered holder hereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon one or more new Notes, of authorized denominations and for the same aggregate principal amount, will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees.

The Notes of this series shall be dated the date of their authentication.

All terms used in this Note which are defined in the Indenture shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture.

The Notes are being issued by means of a book-entry system with no physical distribution of certificates to be made except as provided in the Indenture. The book-entry system maintained by The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") will evidence ownership of the Notes, with transfers of ownership effected on the records of DTC and its participants pursuant to rules and procedures established by DTC and its participants. The Corporation will recognize Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, while the registered holder of the Notes, as the owner of the Notes for all purposes, including payment of principal (premium, if any) and interest, notices and voting. Transfer of principal (premium, if any) and interest to participants of DTC will be the responsibility of DTC, and transfer of principal (premium, if any) and interest to beneficial owners of the Notes by participants of DTC will be the responsibility of such participants and other nominees of such beneficial owners. So long as the book-entry system is in effect, the selection of any Notes to be redeemed will be determined by DTC pursuant to rules and procedures established by DTC and its participants. The Corporation will not be responsible or liable for such transfers or payments or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing the records maintained by DTC, its participants or persons acting through such participants.

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Transfers of Notes outside of the United States may be effected through the facilities of Clearstream Banking, société anonyme, and Euroclear Bank, S.A./NV, as operator of the Euroclear system, in accordance with the rules and procedures established by such depositories.

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#### ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations, when used in the inscription on the face of the within Note shall be construed as though they were written out in full according to applicable laws or regulations:

TEN COM-- as tenants in common

TEN ENT-- as tenants by the entirety

JT TEN-- as joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in

common  
UNIF GIFT MIN ACT--.....Custodian.....  
(Cust) (Minor)

Under Uniform Gifts to Minors Act

.....  
(State)

Additional abbreviations may also be used though not in the above list.

\_\_\_\_\_  
ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sell(s), assign(s) and transfer(s) unto

[PLEASE PRINT OR TYPEWRITE NAME AND ADDRESS  
INCLUDING ZIP CODE, OF ASSIGNEE]

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please Insert Social Security or Other  
Identifying Number of Assignee: \_\_\_\_\_

the within Note and all rights thereunder, hereby irrevocably constituting and appointing \_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney to transfer said Note on the books of the Corporation, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the within Note in every particular,  
without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever and must be guaranteed.

[LETTERHEAD OF SMITH HELMS MULLISS & MOORE, L.L.P.]

January 31, 2002

Bank of America Corporation  
Bank of America Corporate Center  
100 North Tryon Street  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28255-0065

Re: Public Offering of \$1,500,000,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of  
5 1/4% Senior Notes, due 2007

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Bank of America Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Corporation"), in connection with (i) the issuance of \$1,500,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of its 5 1/4% Senior Notes, due 2007 (the "Notes") and (ii) the Registration Statement on Form S-3, Registration No. 333-83503 (the "Registration Statement"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), with respect to \$15,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Corporation's unsecured debt securities, units, warrants, shares of its preferred stock and shares of its common stock and the Prospectus dated August 5, 1999 constituting a part thereof, as supplemented by the Global Prospectus Supplement dated January 25, 2002 filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Act, relating to the Notes.

As such counsel, we have examined and are familiar with such original or photocopies or certified copies of such records of the Corporation and its subsidiaries, certificates of officers of the Corporation and of public officials and such other documents as we have deemed relevant or necessary as the basis for the opinion set forth below. In such examinations, we have assumed the legal capacity of natural persons, the genuineness of all signatures on, and the authenticity of, all documents submitted to us as originals and the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as certified copies or photocopies and the authenticity of the originals of such copies. We have also relied upon statements of fact contained in documents that we have examined in connection with our representation of the Corporation.

Based solely upon the foregoing, and in reliance thereon, and subject to the limitations, qualifications and exceptions set forth below, we are of the opinion that the Notes, when (i) executed, issued and delivered by the Corporation to The Bank of New York for authentication in accordance with the Indenture dated as of January 1, 1995, as supplemented by a First Supplemental Indenture dated as of September 18, 1998 and the Second Supplemental Indenture dated as May 7, 2001 (the "Indenture") between the Corporation and The Bank of New York, as trustee (the "Trustee"), (ii) authenticated and delivered by The Bank of New York, as issuing and

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paying agent, in accordance with the Indenture and (iii) paid for, all as contemplated in the Board Resolution or Company Order (as each is defined in the Indenture), will have been validly authorized and issued under the Indenture and will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Corporation.

We hereby consent to be named in the Registration Statement as attorneys who passed upon the legality of the Notes and to the filing of a copy of this opinion as part of the Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K to be filed for the purpose of including this opinion as part of the Registration Statement.

/s/ SMITH HELMS MULLISS & MOORE, L.L.P.

BCC/pm

**WRITTEN CONSENT TO ACTION WITHOUT MEETING OF COMMITTEE  
APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION**

January 25, 2002

AUTHORIZATION OF 5¼% SENIOR NOTES, DUE 2007

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Bank of America Corporation (the "Corporation") previously has authorized and approved the issuance and sale for cash, at any time or from time to time, of its unsecured debt securities (the "Debt Securities"), common stock and other securities in one or more public offerings, \$15,000,000,000 of which securities have been registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Corporation's registration statement on Form S-3, Registration No. 333-83503 (the "1999 Shelf");

WHEREAS, the Corporation has issued and sold pursuant to or allocated under the 1999 Shelf \$8,266,946,091 of its Debt Securities in underwritten public offerings leaving an additional \$6,733,053,909 in aggregate principal amount of unallocated Debt Securities, common stock and other securities that may be issued and sold pursuant to the 1999 Shelf;

WHEREAS, by resolutions (the "Resolutions") adopted by the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Corporation at a meeting duly called and held on June 23, 1999, this Committee (the "Committee") was authorized by the Board to take action in connection with the issuance of the Corporation's Debt Securities, common stock and other securities to be offered at the times and on terms to be determined by the Committee;

WHEREAS, this Committee has determined that issuing a series of Debt Securities in the form of five-year senior notes, initially in the principal amount of \$1,500,000,000 is advisable and in the best interests of the Corporation; and

WHEREAS, no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the above described registration statement has been received by the Corporation and no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or threatened against the Corporation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the Resolutions, and the terms and provisions of the Indenture between the Corporation and The Bank of New York, as trustee (the "Senior Trustee"), dated as of January 1, 1995, as supplemented by a First Supplemental Indenture dated as of September 18, 1998 and a Second Supplemental Indenture dated as of May 7, 2001 (the "Senior Indenture"), the issue and sale by the Corporation of a series of its senior indebtedness, initially in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,500,000,000, is hereby authorized and approved, which series of senior notes is designated "5¼% Senior Notes, due 2007" (the "Senior Notes"), and shall be subject to the terms and entitled to the benefits of the Senior Indenture;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Senior Notes to be issued and sold under the authority of these resolutions shall be allocated from those securities previously authorized by the Board and registered for sale under the 1999 Shelf;

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RESOLVED FURTHER, that the amount of this series of Senior Notes shall initially be set at \$1,500,000,000, but may be increased at any time within the next nine (9) months (or as permitted by Internal Revenue Service regulations) upon delivery of a supplemental officers' certificate setting forth the terms of such additional amounts;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Senior Notes shall bear interest at the rate of 5¼% per annum, which interest shall accrue from January 31, 2002, and be payable semiannually on February 1 and August 1, commencing August 1, 2002; and the record date for the interest payable shall be the close of business on the fifteenth day of the calendar month next preceding each interest payment date;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the maturity date of the Senior Notes shall be February 1, 2007;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the initial series of Senior Notes shall be sold to Banc of America Securities LLC and the other Underwriters (as named in the Underwriting Agreement hereinafter described) (the "Underwriters"), pursuant to the terms of the Underwriting Agreement dated as of January 25, 2002 between the Corporation and the Representatives named therein (the "Underwriting Agreement"), who the Committee understands will reoffer the Senior Notes for sale in a public offering;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Senior Notes shall be sold to the Underwriters on January 25, 2002, at a price of 99.281% of the principal amount, and that the Senior Notes shall be initially offered to the public at a price of 99.631% of the principal amount;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Committee was advised by the Underwriters that they will initially offer the Senior Notes to certain dealers at the initial public offering price, less a concession not in excess of 0.20% of the principal amount of the Senior Notes, and that the Underwriters may allow, and such dealers may reallow, a concession not in excess of 0.15% of such principal amount on sales to other dealers;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Senior Notes shall be issued as Registered Securities (as defined in the Indenture) initially in book-entry only form, represented by one or more global notes registered in the name of The Depository Trust Company, or its nominee, and eligible to trade through the facilities of Clearstream Banking, société anonyme, and Euroclear Bank S.A./NV, as operator of the Euroclear System, in the manner requested by the Representatives, in denominations of \$1,000 or integral multiples thereof, and shall be dated the date of authentication and delivery, which date shall occur on or about January 31, 2002 and the form of registered note presented to this Committee and attached to

the minutes hereof as Exhibit A, together with such modifications as are appropriate to reflect the determinations of the Committee, is hereby in all respects approved;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that any Authorized Officer (as described herein) is hereby authorized and empowered to execute and deliver, and this Committee hereby approves, the Underwriting Agreement, in the form presented to the Committee and attached to the minutes hereof as Exhibit B, relating, among other things, to the sale of the Senior Notes and to the indemnification of and contribution to the Underwriters, and such Underwriting Agreement shall

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be, and it hereby is, in all respects authorized and approved, the execution thereof being conclusive evidence of such approval;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that, with respect to the Senior Notes, a "Business Day" shall mean any day, other than a Saturday or Sunday or a legal holiday in New York, New York, Charlotte, North Carolina or Luxembourg, that is not a day on which banking institutions in New York, New York, Charlotte, North Carolina or Luxembourg are authorized or required by law or regulation to be closed;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that except in those situations in which the Corporation may become obligated to pay additional amounts (as described herein), the Senior Notes shall not be eligible for redemption or entitled to any sinking fund and shall not be subject to the provisions of Sections 14.02 and 14.03 of the Senior Indenture;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Senior Notes shall be executed in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation by the Chief Executive Officer, or any Senior or other Vice President, the corporate seal thereon shall be attested by the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary, and the signatures of the Chief Executive Officer, any Vice President, the Secretary and any Assistant Secretary may be in the form of facsimile signatures of the present or any future Chief Executive Officer, Vice President, Secretary or Assistant Secretary, and should any officer of the Corporation who signs, or whose facsimile signature appears upon, any of the Senior Notes, cease to be such an officer prior to the issuance of such Senior Notes, the Senior Notes so signed or bearing such facsimile signature nevertheless shall be valid, and, without prejudice to the use of the facsimile signatures of any other officer as hereinbefore authorized, the facsimile signatures of Kenneth D. Lewis, Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation, James T. Houghton, Senior Vice President of the Corporation, Karen A. Gosnell, Senior Vice President of the Corporation, Page P. C. Stephens, Senior Vice President of the Corporation, Ann J. Travis, Vice President of the Corporation, Mary Wright Rantala, Assistant Vice President of the Corporation, Rachel R. Cummings, Secretary of the Corporation, and Allison L. Gilliam, Assistant Secretary of the Corporation, are hereby expressly approved and accepted;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that pursuant to the provisions of the Senior Indenture, the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, any Senior Vice President or any Associate General Counsel (each, an "Authorized Officer") be, and each of them is, hereby authorized and empowered to cause the Senior Notes, upon execution thereof, to be delivered to the Senior Trustee under the Senior Indenture, or to any agent designated by the Senior Trustee, for authentication and delivery by it and to deliver to the Senior Trustee or agent thereof, as the case may be, the written order of the Corporation for the authentication and delivery of the Senior Notes and to negotiate, execute and deliver any and all agreements and other documents and certificates necessary in connection with the issuance, sale and delivery of the Senior Notes;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that, unless and until otherwise determined by an Authorized Officer, The Bank of New York, as Senior Trustee, shall act as agent for the Corporation for the registration, transfer, exchange and payment of the Senior Notes (the "Paying Agent"), and as authenticating agent, and that the offices of the Senior Trustee located at 101 Barclay Street, 21 West, New York, New York, hereby is designated, pursuant to the provisions of the Senior Indenture, as the office or agency of the Corporation where the Senior Notes may be presented

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for registration, transfer, exchange and payment, and the proper officers of the Corporation are hereby authorized and empowered to execute and deliver any documents required by the Senior Trustee under the Senior Indenture in connection with such duties;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that whenever the Senior Trustee or Paying Agent, in its capacity as such, shall deem it expedient, it may apply to counsel for the Corporation for advice or instructions, and, for its actions and good faith in such capacity, including, but not limited to, action in reliance on such advice or instructions or on advice of its own counsel, the Corporation shall fully protect and hold harmless that agent from and against any liability;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the listing of the Senior Notes on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (the "LSE") is hereby authorized (but shall not be required) and the appointment of the Banque Générale du Luxembourg S.A. as listing agent for such listing purposes is hereby ratified, confirmed and approved;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the officers of the Corporation, including James T. Houghton, Senior Vice President, Karen A. Gosnell, Senior Vice President, and Page P. C. Stephens, Senior Vice President or any other Authorized Officer be, and they hereby are authorized to take any and all steps necessary or desirable to accomplish the LSE listing (or to withdraw such application), including the preparation and filing of all requisite applications, fee agreements and documents and the payment of all applicable fees and expenses;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that subject to the exemptions and limitations set forth below, the Corporation will pay additional amounts to the beneficial owner of a note that is a non-United States person in order to ensure that every net payment on such note will not be less, due to



payment of United States withholding tax, than the amount then due and payable. For this purpose, a "net payment" on a note means a payment by the Corporation or any paying agent, including payment of principal and interest, after deduction for any present or future tax, assessment or other governmental charge of the United States. These additional amounts will constitute additional interest on a note.

The Corporation will not be required to pay additional amounts, however, in any of the circumstances described in items (1) through (13) below.

(1) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a note is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the beneficial owner of the note:

- having a relationship with the United States as a citizen, resident or otherwise;
- having had such a relationship in the past; or
- being considered as having had such a relationship.

(2) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a note is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the beneficial owner of the note:

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- being treated as present in or engaged in a trade or business in the United States;
- being treated as having been present in or engaged in a trade or business in the United States in the past;
- having or having had a permanent establishment in the United States; or
- having or having had a qualified business unit which has the United States dollar as its functional currency.

(3) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a note is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the beneficial owner of the note being or having been a:

- personal holding company;
- foreign personal holding company;
- foreign private foundation or other foreign tax-exempt organization;
- controlled foreign investment company; or
- corporation which has accumulated earnings to avoid United States federal income tax.

(4) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a note is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the beneficial owner of the note owning or having owned, actually or constructively, 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of the Corporation's stock entitled to vote;

(5) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a note is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the beneficial owner of the note being a bank extending credit pursuant to a loan agreement entered into in the ordinary course of business.

For purposes of items (1) through (5) above, "beneficial owner" includes a fiduciary, settlor, partner, member, shareholder or beneficiary of the holder if the holder is an estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company, corporation or other entity, or a person holding a power over an estate or trust administered by a fiduciary holder.

(6) Additional amounts will not be payable to any beneficial owner of a note that is:

- a fiduciary;
- a partnership;
- a limited liability company;
- another fiscally transparent entity; or
- not the sole beneficial owner of the note, or any portion of the note.

However, this exception to the obligation to pay additional amounts will only apply to the extent that a beneficiary or settlor in relation to the fiduciary, or a beneficial owner, partner or member of the partnership, limited liability company or other fiscally transparent entity, would not have been entitled to the payment of an additional amount had the beneficiary, settlor, partner, beneficial owner or member received directly its beneficial or distributive share of the payment.

(7) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a note is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld by reason of the failure of the beneficial owner of the note or any other person to comply with applicable certification, identification, documentation or other information reporting requirements. This exception to the obligation to pay additional amounts will apply only if compliance with such reporting requirements is required as a precondition to exemption from such tax, assessment or other governmental charge by statute or regulations of the United States or by an applicable income tax treaty to which the United States is a party.

(8) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a note is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment or other governmental charge that is collected or imposed by any method other than by withholding from a payment on a note by the Corporation or any paying agent.

(9) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a note is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld by reason of a change in law, regulation, or administrative or judicial interpretation that becomes effective more than 15 days after the payment becomes due or is duly provided for, whichever occurs later.

(10) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a note is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld by reason of the presentation by the beneficial owner of a note for payment more than 30 days after the date on which such payment becomes due or is duly provided for, whichever occurs later.

(11) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a note is reduced as result of any:

- estate tax;
- inheritance tax;
- gift tax;
- sales tax;
- excise tax;
- transfer tax;
- wealth tax;
- personal property tax; or
- any similar tax, assessment or other governmental charge.

(12) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a note is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment or other governmental charge required to be withheld by any paying agent from a payment of principal or interest on a note if such payment can be made without such withholding by any other paying agent.

(13) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a note is reduced as a result of any combination of items (1) through (12) above.

"Non-United States Person" means any holder of the notes other than a United States person. A "United States Person" means a citizen or resident of the United States, a corporation or a partnership (or other entity treated as a corporation or partnership for federal income tax purposes, including certain limited liability companies) created or organized under the laws of the United States, an estate the income of which is subject to United States federal income tax regardless of its source, or a trust for which one or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions and for which a court of the United States can exercise primary supervision over the trust's administration;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Senior Notes may be redeemed at the option of the Corporation in whole, but not in part, at any time, on giving not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice to the Senior Trustee and the holders of the Senior Notes, if the Corporation has or may become obliged to pay Additional Amounts as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of the United States or any political subdivision or any authority thereof or therein having power to tax, or any change in the application or official interpretation of such laws or regulations after the date of the applicable global prospectus supplement;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that prior to the publication of any notice of redemption, the Corporation shall deliver to the Senior Trustee a certificate signed by the Chief Financial Officer or a Senior Vice President of the Corporation stating that the Corporation is entitled to effect such redemption and setting forth a statement of facts showing the conditions precedent to the right to redeem;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Senior Notes so redeemed will be redeemed at 100% of their principal amount together with interest accrued up to (but excluding) the date of redemption;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that any Authorized Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to take all steps deemed necessary by such officer to issue and sell the initial series of the Senior Notes, and to increase the amount of issued and outstanding Senior Notes of this series up to the maximum amount authorized and unissued under the 1999 Shelf, such actions to include delivery of appropriate Officers Certificates and Company Orders; the execution and

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delivery of additional Senior Notes; the selection of one or more underwriters and the negotiation, execution and delivery of an appropriate underwriting agreement; the preparation of necessary amendments or supplements to the applicable global prospectus supplement for the Senior Notes; and the execution and delivery of necessary closing documents; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the officers of the Corporation be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary, appropriate or convenient to carry into effect the foregoing resolutions.





Bank of America  
100 North Tryon Street  
Charlotte, NC 28255  
Tel 704.386.5000

January 25, 2002

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**Bank of America prices \$ 1.5 billion in 5-year senior notes**

**CHARLOTTE - Bank of America Corporation today priced a global offering of \$1.5 billion in 5-year fixed-rate senior notes for sale in the United States and abroad.**

The senior notes have a coupon interest rate of 5.25 percent per annum, payable semi-annually on February 1 and August 1 with the first interest payment on August 1, 2002. The notes mature on February 1, 2007, and normally are not redeemable prior to maturity.

These notes will be sold through underwriters led by Banc of America Securities LLC and include Barclays Capital; Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc.; Credit Suisse First Boston; Goldman, Sachs & Co.; Lehman Brothers; Morgan Stanley Dean Witter; Loop Capital and The Williams Capital Group, L.P. Closing is scheduled for January 31, 2002.

The debt issue is part of a shelf registration for corporate debt and other securities previously declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Bank of America intends to list the notes on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

Proceeds from the issue will be used for general corporate purposes.

Bank of America stock (ticker: BAC) is listed on the New York, Pacific, and London exchanges and certain shares are listed on the Tokyo stock exchange.

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