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Dr. Michael Boskin  
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Dear Mike:

I recently gave testimony before the Senate Banking Committee that lays out the role that the accounting rules promulgated by the Federal Home Loan Bank Board in the late 1970s and early 1980s played in facilitating the dramatic growth of thrift institutions. Since I know that you have been giving a few talks on the subject of the thrift crisis, I thought that you might be interested in this material. The testimony explains a critical dimension of how this problem was able to grow so large, and hopefully it also explains this problem in terms most people can understand.

I hope all goes well with you. I'm going to be speaking at Stanford the end of this month, so I will give your regards to campus.

Best personal regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard".

Richard C. Breeden  
Chairman

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