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INSURED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES TRUST 17TH DIS SER & SER 6

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INSURED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES TRUST 18TH DISCOUNT SERIES

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 8

To
FORM S-6

FOR REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT
OF 1933 OF SECURITIES OF UNIT INVESTMENT
TRUSTS REGISTERED ON FORM N-8B-2

A. Exact name of trust:

INSURED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES TRUST, 17TH DISCOUNT SERIES & SERIES 6, 18TH DISCOUNT SERIES, 19TH DISCOUNT SERIES & SERIES 7, 20TH DISCOUNT SERIES and 21ST DISCOUNT SERIES

B. Name of depositor: BEAR, STEARNS & CO. INC.

C. Complete address of depositor's principal executive office:

245 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10167

D. Name and complete address of agent for service:

PETER J. DeMARCO	Copy of comments to:
Managing Director	MICHAEL R. ROSELLA, ESQ.
Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc.	Battle Fowler
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/ / on (date) pursuant to paragraph (a) of Rule 485

* The Prospectus included in this Registration Statement constitutes a combined Prospectus as permitted by the Provisions of Rule 429 of the General Rules and Regulations under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Act"). Said Prospectus covers units of undivided interest in Insured Municipal Securities Trust, 17th Discount Series & Series 6, 18th Discount Series, 19th Discount Series & Series 7, 20th Discount Series and 21st Discount Series, covered by prospectuses heretofore filed as part of separate registration statements on Form S-6 (Registration Nos. 33-02389, 33-03180, 33-04508, 33-05571, and 33-06441, respectively) under the Act.

INSURED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES TRUST
17TH DISCOUNT SERIES AND SERIES 6,
18TH DISCOUNT SERIES,

19TH DISCOUNT SERIES AND SERIES 7,
20TH DISCOUNT SERIES, 21ST DISCOUNT SERIES

CROSS-REFERENCE SHEET

Pursuant to Rule 404 of Regulation C
under the Securities Act of 1933

(Form N-8B-2 Items required by Instruction as
to the Prospectus in Form S-6)

Form N-8B-2 Item Number	Form S-6 Heading in Prospectus
I. Organization and General Information	
1. (a) Name of trust..................	Front Cover of Prospectus
(b) Title of securities issued......	"
2. Name and address of each depositor..	The Sponsor
3. Name and address of trustee.........	The Trustee
4. Name and address of principal underwriters.....................	The Sponsor
5. State of organization of trust......	Organization
6. Execution and termination of trust agreement..................	Trust Agreement, Amendment and Termination
7. Changes of name.....................	Not Applicable
8. Fiscal year.........................	"
9. Litigation..........................	None
II. General Description of the Trust and Securities of the Trust	
10. (a) Registered or bearer securities.....................	Certificates
(b) Cumulative or distributive securities.....................	Interest and Principal Distributions
(c) Redemption.....................	Trustee Redemption
(d) Conversion, transfer, etc.......	Certificates, Sponsor Repurchase, Trustee Redemption, Exchange Privilege and Conversion Offer
(e) Periodic payment plan..........	Not Applicable
(f) Voting rights..................	Trust Agreement, Amendment and Termination
(g) Notice to certificateholders....	Records, Portfolio, Trust Agreement, Amendment and Termination, The Sponsor, The Trustee
(h) Consents required..............	Trust Agreement, Amendment and Termination
(i) Other provisions................	Tax Status
11. Type of securities comprising units.................	Objectives, Portfolio, Description of Portfolio
12. Certain information regarding periodic payment certificates.....	Not Applicable
13. (a) Load, fees, expenses, etc.......	Summary of Essential Information, Offering Price, Volume and Other Discounts, Sponsor's and Underwriters' Profits, Total Reinvestment Plan, Trust Expenses and Charges
(b) Certain information regarding periodic payment certificates...	Not Applicable
(c) Certain percentages............	Summary of Essential

		Information, Offering Price, Total Reinvestment Plan
	(d) Price differences..............	Volume and Other Discounts
	(e) Other loads, fees, expenses.....	Certificates
	(f) Certain profits receivable by depositors, principal underwriters, trustee or affiliated persons.............	Sponsor's and Underwriters' Profits
	(g) Ratio of annual charges to income.......................	Not Applicable
14.	Issuance of trust's securities......	Organization, Certificates
15.	Receipt and handling of payments from purchasers...................	Organization
16.	Acquisition and disposition of underlying securities............	Organization, Objectives, Portfolio, Portfolio Supervision
17.	Withdrawal or redemption...........	Comparison of Public Offering Price, Sponsor's Repurchase Price and Redemption Price, Sponsor Repurchase, Trustee Redemption
18.	(a) Receipt, custody and disposition of income...........	Distribution Elections, Interest and Principal Distributions, Records, Total Reinvestment Plan
	(b) Reinvestment of distributions...	Total Reinvestment Plan
	(c) Reserves or special funds.......	Interest and Principal Distributions
	(d) Schedule of distributions.......	Not Applicable
19.	Records, accounts and reports.......	Records, Total Reinvestment Plan
20.	Certain miscellaneous provisions of trust agreement................	Trust Agreement, Amendment and Termination
	(a) Amendment.......................	"
	(b) Termination.....................	"
	(c) and (d) Trustee, removal and successor.......................	The Trustee
	(e) and (f) Depositor, removal and successor...................	The Sponsor
21.	Loans to security holders...........	Not Applicable
22.	Limitations on liability...........	The Sponsor, The Trustee, The Evaluator
23.	Bonding arrangements................	Part II--Item A
24.	Other material provisions of trust agreement................	Not Applicable

III. Organization, Personnel and Affiliated Persons of Depositor

25.	Organization of depositor...........	The Sponsor
26.	Fees received by depositor..........	Not Applicable
27.	Business of depositor...............	The Sponsor
28.	Certain information as to officials and affiliated persons of depositor.............	Part II--Item C
29.	Voting securities of depositor......	Not Applicable
30.	Persons controlling depositor.......	"
31.	Payments by depositor for certain services rendered to trust........	"
32.	Payment by depositor for certain other services rendered to trust..	"
33.	Remuneration of employees of depositor for certain services rendered to trust...................	"
34.	Remuneration of other persons for certain services rendered to trust..	"

IV. Distribution and Redemption of Securities

35.	Distribution of trust's securities by states..............	Distribution of Units
36.	Suspension of sales of trust's securities................	Not Applicable
37.	Revocation of authority to distribute.....................	"
38.	(a) Method of distribution..........	Distribution of Units, Total Reinvestment Plan
	(b) Underwriting agreements.........	"
	(c) Selling agreements..............	"
39.	(a) Organization of principal underwriters....................	The Sponsor
	(b) N.A.S.D. membership of principal underwriters..........	"
40.	Certain fees received by principal underwriters............	Not Applicable
41.	(a) Business of principal underwriters....................	The Sponsor
	(b) Branch offices of principal underwriters....................	Not Applicable
	(c) Salesmen of principal underwriters....................	"
42.	Ownership of trust's securities by certain persons.....	"
43.	Certain brokerage commissions received by principal underwriters......................	"
44.	(a) Method of valuation............	Summary of Essential Information, Offering Price, Accrued Interest, Volume and Other Discounts, Total Reinvestment Plan, Distribution of Units
	(b) Schedule as to offering price...	Not Applicable
	(c) Variation in offering price to certain persons.............	Distribution of Units, Total Reinvestment Plan, Volume and Other Discounts
45.	Suspension of redemption rights.....	Trustee Redemption
46.	(a) Redemption valuation...........	Comparison of Public Offering Price, Sponsor's Repurchase Price and Redemption Price, Trustee Redemption
	(b) Schedule as to redemption price................	Not Applicable
47.	Maintenance of position in underlying securities............	Comparison of Public Offering Price, Sponsor's Repurchase Price and Redemption Price, Sponsor Repurchase, Trustee Redemption

V. Information Concerning the Trustee or Custodian

48.	Organization and regulation of trustee........................	The Trustee
49.	Fees and expenses of trustee........	Trust Expenses and Charges
50.	Trustee's lien......................	"

VI. Information Concerning Insurance of Holders of Securities

51.	Insurance of holders of trust's securities................	Not Applicable

VII. Policy of Registrant

52.	(a) Provisions of trust agreement with respect to selection or elimination of underlying securities......................	Objectives, Portfolio, Portfolio Supervision
	(b) Transactions involving elimination of underlying securities......................	Not Applicable
	(c) Policy regarding substitution or elimination of underlying securities......................	Objectives, Portfolio, Portfolio Supervision, Substitution of Bonds
	(d) Fundamental policy not otherwise covered...............	Not Applicable
53.	Tax status of trust.................	Tax Status

VIII. Financial and Statistical Information

54.	Trust's securities during last ten years....................	Not Applicable
55.	Hypothetical account for issuers of periodic payment plans.........	"
56.	Certain information regarding periodic payment certificates.....	"
57.	Certain information regarding periodic payment plans............	"
58.	Certain other information regarding periodic payment plans..	"
59.	Financial Statements (Instruction 1(c) to Form S-6)......	Statement of Financial Condition

NOTE: Part A of This Prospectus May Not Be Distributed Unless Accompanied by Part B.

INSURED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES TRUST

17TH DISCOUNT SERIES
(MULTIPLIER PORTFOLIO)

The Trust is a unit investment trust designated 17th Discount Series ("Insured Municipal Discount Trust") with an underlying portfolio of long-term insured tax-exempt bonds issued by or on behalf of states, municipalities and public authorities and was formed to preserve capital and to provide interest income (including, where applicable, earned original issue discount) which, in the opinions of bond counsel to the respective issuers, is, with certain exceptions, currently exempt from regular federal income tax under existing law but may be subject to state and local taxes. Capital gains are subject to tax. (See "Tax Status" and "The Trust--Portfolio" in Part B of this Prospectus.) The Sponsor is Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc. The value of the Units of the Trust will fluctuate with the value of the underlying bonds. Minimum purchase: 1 Unit.

This Prospectus consists of two parts. Part A contains the Summary of Essential Information as of December 31, 1993 (the "Evaluation Date"), a summary of certain specific information regarding the Trust and audited financial statements of the Trust, including the related portfolio, as of the Evaluation Date. Part B of this Prospectus contains a general summary of the Trust.

Investors should retain both parts of this Prospectus for future reference.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION NOR HAS THE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

Prospectus Part A Dated April 29, 1994

THE TRUST. The Trust is a unit investment trust formed to preserve capital and to provide interest income (including, where applicable, earned original issue discount) which, in the opinions of bond counsel to the respective issuers, is, with certain exceptions, currently exempt from regular federal income tax under existing law through investment in a fixed, diversified portfolio of long-term insured bonds (the "Bonds") issued by or on behalf of states, municipalities and public authorities which, because of irrevocable insurance, are rated "AAA" by Standard & Poor's Corporation. Although the Supreme Court has determined that Congress has the authority to subject interest on bonds such as the Bonds in the Trust to regular federal income taxation, existing law excludes such interest from regular federal income tax. Such interest income may, however, be subject to the federal corporate alternative minimum tax and to state and local taxes. (See "Tax Status" in Part B of this Prospectus.) For a list of ratings on the Evaluation Date, see "Portfolio." The Bonds were acquired at prices which resulted in the portfolio as a whole being purchased at a deep discount from par value. The portfolio may also include bonds issued at an original issue discount. Additionally, some of the Bonds in the portfolio may be "Zero Coupon Bonds," which are original issue discount bonds that provide for payment at maturity at par value, but do not provide for the payment of any current interest. Some of the Bonds in the Trust have been issued with optional refunding or refinancing provisions ("Refunded Bonds") whereby the issuer of the Bond has the right to call such Bond prior to its stated maturity date (and other than pursuant to sinking fund provisions) and to issue new bonds ("Refunding Bonds") in order to finance the redemption. Issuers typically utilize refunding calls in order to take advantage of lower interest rates in the marketplace. Some of these Refunded Bonds may be called for redemption pursuant to pre-refunding provisions ("Pre-Refunded Bonds") whereby the proceeds from the issue of the Refunding Bonds are typically invested in government securities in escrow for the benefit of the holders of the Pre-Refunded Bonds until the refunding call date. Usually, Pre-Refunded Bonds will bear a triple-A rating because of this escrow. The issuers of Pre-Refunded Bonds must call such Bonds on their refunding call date. Therefore, as of such date, the Trust will receive the call price for such bonds but will cease receiving interest income with respect to them. For a list of those Bonds which are Pre-Refunded Bonds, if any, as of the Evaluation Date, see "Notes to Financial Statements" in this Part A. Some of the Bonds in the portfolio may have been purchased at an aggregate premium over par. All of the Bonds in the Trust were rated "AAA" by Standard & Poor's Corporation at the time originally deposited in the Trust. This rating results from insurance relating only to the Bonds in the Trust and not to the Units of the Trust. The insurance does not remove market risk, as it does not guarantee the market value of the Units. For a discussion of the significance of such ratings, see "Description of Bond Ratings" in Part B of this Prospectus, and for a list of ratings on the Evaluation Date see the "Portfolio." The payment of interest and preservation of capital are, of course, dependent upon the continuing ability of issuers of the Bonds or the insurers thereof to meet their obligations. There can be no assurance that the Trust's investment objectives will be achieved. Investment in the Trust should be made with an understanding of the risks which an investment in long-term fixed rate debt obligations may entail, including the risk that the value of the underlying portfolio will decline with increases in interest rates, and that the value of Zero Coupon Bonds is subject to greater fluctuation than coupon bonds in response to changes in interest rates. Each Unit in the Trust represents a 1/12000th undivided interest in the principal and net income of the Trust. The principal amount of Bonds deposited in the Trust per Unit is reflected in the Summary of Essential Information. (See "Organization" in Part B of this Prospectus.) The Units being offered hereby are issued and outstanding Units which have been purchased by the Sponsor in the secondary market.

INSURANCE. Each of the Bonds in the Trust is insured by a municipal bond guaranty insurance policy obtained by either the Sponsor ("Sponsor-Insured Bonds") or the issuers of the Bonds ("Pre-Insured Bonds") and issued by one of the insurance companies (the "Insurance Companies"), described under "Insurance on the Bonds" in Part B of this Prospectus, covering scheduled payment of principal thereof and interest thereon when such amounts shall become due for payment but shall not have been paid by the issuer or any other insurer thereof. The insurance, unless obtained by Municipal Bond Investors Assurance Corporation ("MBIA Corp."), will also cover any accelerated payments of principal and the increase in interest payments or premiums, if any, payable upon mandatory redemption of the Bonds if interest on any Bonds is ultimately deemed to be subject to regular federal income tax. Insurance obtained from MBIA Corp. only guarantees the accelerated payments required to be made by or on behalf of an issuer of small industrial revenue bonds and pollution control bonds if there is an event which results in the loss of tax-exempt status of the interest on such Bonds, including principal, interest or premium payments, if any, as and when required. To the extent, therefore, that Bonds are only covered by insurance obtained from MBIA Corp., such Bonds will not be covered for the accelerated payments required to be made by or on behalf of an issuer of other than small industrial revenue bonds or pollution control revenue bonds if there occurs an event which results in the loss of tax-exempt status of the interest on such Bonds. None of the insurance will cover accelerated payments of principal or penalty interest or premiums unrelated to taxability of interest on the Bonds (although the insurance, including insurance obtained by MBIA Corp., does guarantee payment of principal and interest in such amounts and at such times as such amounts would have been due absent such acceleration). The insurance relates only to the prompt payment of principal of and interest on the securities in the portfolio, and does not remove market risks or guarantee the market value of the Units in the Trust. The terms of the insurance are more fully described under "Insurance on the Bonds" in Part B of this Prospectus. For a discussion of the effect of an occurrence of nonpayment of principal or interest on any Bonds in the Trust, see "Portfolio Supervision" in Part B of this Prospectus. No representation is made herein as to any Bond insurer's ability to meet its obligations under a policy of insurance relating to any of the Bonds. In addition, investors should be aware that, subsequent to the Date of Deposit, the rating of the claims-paying ability of the insurer of an underlying Bond may be downgraded, which may result in a downgrading of the rating of the Units in the Trust. The approximate percentage of the aggregate principal amount of the portfolio that is insured by each Insurance Company is as follows: AMBAC Indemnity Corp. ("AMBAC"), 6.3%; Bond Investors Guaranty ("BIG"), 5.3%; Financial Guaranty Insurance Company ("Financial Guaranty"), 16.4%, Firemen's Fund Insurance ("Firemen's"), 4.6% and Municipal Bond Insurance Association ("MBIA"), 67.4%.

PUBLIC OFFERING PRICE. The secondary market Public Offering Price of each Unit is equal to the aggregate bid price of the Bonds in the Trust divided by the number of Units outstanding, plus a sales charge of 5.5% of the Public Offering Price, or 5.820% of the net amount invested in Bonds per Unit. In addition, accrued interest to the expected date of settlement, including earned original issue discount, is added to the Public Offering Price. If Units had been available for sale on the

Evaluation Date, the Public Offering Price per Unit would have been $507.92 plus accrued interest of $7.39 under the monthly distribution plan, $10.47 under the semi-annual distribution plan and $10.49 under the annual distribution plan, for a total of $515.31, $518.39 and $518.41, respectively. The Public Offering Price per Unit can vary on a daily basis in accordance with fluctuations in the aggregate bid price of the Bonds. (See "Public Offering--Offering Price" in Part B of this Prospectus.)

ESTIMATED LONG TERM RETURN AND ESTIMATED CURRENT RETURN. The rate of return on an investment in Units of the Trust is measured in terms of "Estimated Current Return" and "Estimated Long Term Return".

Estimated Long Term Return is calculated by: (1) computing the yield to maturity or to an earlier call date (whichever results in a lower yield) for each Bond in the Trust's portfolio in accordance with accepted bond practices, which practices take into account not only the interest payable on the Bond but also the amortization of premiums or accretion of discounts, if any; (2) calculating the average of the yields for the Bonds in the Trust's portfolio by weighing each Bond's yield by the market value of the Bond and by the amount of time remaining to the date to which the Bond is priced (thus creating an average yield for the portfolio of the Trust); and (3) reducing the average yield for the portfolio of the Trust in order to reflect estimated fees and expenses of the Trust and the maximum sales charge paid by investors. The resulting Estimated Long Term Return represents a measure of the return to investors earned over the estimated life of the Trust. (For the Estimated Long Term Return to Certificateholders under the monthly, semi-annual and annual distribution plans, see "Summary of Essential Information".)

Estimated Current Return is a measure of the Trust's cash flow. Estimated Current Return is computed by dividing the Estimated Net Annual Interest Income per Unit by the Public Offering Price per Unit. In contrast to the Estimated Long Term Return, the Estimated Current Return does not take into account the amortization of premium or accretion of discount, if any, on the Bonds in the portfolio of the Trust. Moreover, because interest rates on Bonds purchased at a premium are generally higher than current interest rates on newly issued bonds of a similar type with comparable rating, the Estimated Current Return per Unit may be affected adversely if such Bonds are redeemed prior to their maturity.

The Estimated Net Annual Interest Income per Unit of the Trust will vary with changes in the fees and expenses of the Trustee and the Evaluator applicable to the Trust and with the redemption, maturity, sale or other disposition of the Bonds in the Trust. The Public Offering Price will vary with changes in the bid prices of the Bonds. Therefore, there is no assurance that the present Estimated Current Return or Estimated Long Term Return will be realized in the future. (For the Estimated Current Return to Certificateholders under the monthly, semi-annual and annual distribution plans, see "Summary of Essential Information". See "Estimated Long Term Return and Estimated Current Return" in Part B of this Prospectus.)

A schedule of cash flow projections is available from the Sponsor upon request.

DISTRIBUTIONS. Distributions of interest income, less expenses, will be made by the Trust either monthly, semi-annually or annually depending upon the plan of distribution applicable to the Unit purchased. A purchaser of a Unit in the secondary market will initially receive distributions in accordance with the distribution plan chosen by the prior owner of such Unit and may thereafter change the plan as provided under "Interest and Principal Distributions" in Part B of this Prospectus. Distributions of principal, if any, will be made semi-annually on June 15 and December 15 of each year. (See "Rights of Certificateholders--Interest and Principal Distributions" in Part B of this Prospectus. For estimated monthly, semi-annual and annual interest distributions, see "Summary of Essential Information.")

MARKET FOR UNITS. The Sponsor, although not obligated to do so, presently maintains and intends to continue to maintain a secondary market for the Units at prices based on the aggregate bid price of the Bonds in the Trust portfolio. The reoffer price will be based on the aggregate bid price of the Bonds plus a sales charge of 5.5% of the Public Offering Price (5.820% of the net amount invested), plus net accrued interest. If a market is not maintained a Certificateholder will be able to redeem his Units with the Trustee at a price also based on the aggregate bid price of the Bonds. (See "Liquidity--Sponsor Repurchase" and "Public Offering--Offering Price" in Part B of this Prospectus.)

TOTAL REINVESTMENT PLAN. Certificateholders under the semi-annual and annual plans of distribution have the opportunity to have all their regular interest distributions, and principal distributions, if any, reinvested in available series of "Insured Municipal Securities Trust" or "Municipal Securities Trust." (See "Total Reinvestment Plan" in Part B of this Prospectus. Residents of Texas see "Total Reinvestment Plan for Texas Residents" in Part B of this Prospectus.) The Plan is not designed to be a complete investment program.

INSURED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES TRUST
17TH DISCOUNT SERIES

SUMMARY OF ESSENTIAL INFORMATION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1993

Date of Deposit: January 30, 1986
Principal Amount of Bonds ...$10,875,000
Number of Units 12,000
Fractional Undivided Interest in Trust per Unit 1/12000
Principal Amount of Bonds per Unit $906.25
Secondary Market Public Offering Price**
  Aggregate Bid Price of Bonds in Trust ....$5,759,735+++
  Divided by 12,000 Units ...$479.98
  Plus Sales Charge of 5.5% of Public Offering Price $27.94
  Public Offering Price per Unit ....$507.92+
Redemption and Sponsor's Repurchase Price per Unit ....$479.98+ +++ ++++
Excess of Secondary Market Public Offering Price over Redemption and Sponsor's Repurchase Price per Unit ....$27.94++++
Difference between Public Offering Price per Unit and Principal Amount per Unit Premium/(Discount) ...$(398.33)
Evaluation Time: 4:00 p.m. New York Time.

Minimum Principal Distribution: $1.00 per Unit.
Weighted Average Life to Maturity: 17.1 Years.
Minimum Value of Trust: Trust may be terminated if value of Trust is less than $4,800,000 in principal amount of Bonds.
Mandatory Termination Date: The earlier of December 31, 2035 or the disposition of the last Bond in the Trust.
Trustee***: United States Trust Company of New York.
Trustee's Annual Fee: Monthly plan $1.03 per $1,000; semi-annual plan $.55 per $1,000; and annual plan is $.36 per $1,000.
Evaluator: Kenny S&P Evaluation Services.
Evaluator's Fee for Each Evaluation: Minimum of $12 plus $.25 per each issue of Bonds in excess of 50 issues (treating separate maturities as separate issues).
Sponsor: Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc.
Sponsor's Annual Fee: Maximum of $.15 per $1,000 principal amount of Bonds (see "Trust Expenses and Charges" in Part B of this Prospectus).

PER UNIT INFORMATION BASED UPON INTEREST DISTRIBUTION PLAN ELECTED

	Monthly Option	Semi-Annual Option	Annual Option
Gross annual interest income#	$38.51	$38.51	$38.51

	Monthly	Semi-annual	Annual
Less estimated annual fees and expenses	1.62	1.03	.83
Estimated net annual interest income (cash)#	$36.89	$37.48	$37.68
Estimated interest distribution#	3.07	18.74	37.68
Estimated daily interest accrual#	.1024	.1041	.1046
Estimated current return#++	7.26%	7.38%	7.42%
Estimated long term return++	3.28%	3.40%	3.44%
Record dates	1st of each month	Dec. 1 and June 1	Dec. 1
Interest distribution dates	15th of each month	Dec. 15 and June 15	Dec. 15

* The Date of Deposit is the date on which the Trust Agreement was signed and the deposit of the Bonds with the Trustee made.

** For information regarding offering price per Unit and applicable sales charge under the Total Reinvestment Plan, see "Total Reinvestment Plan" in Part B of this Prospectus.

*** The Trustee maintains its corporate trust office at 770 Broadway, New York, New York 10003 (tel. no. 1-800-428-8890). For information regarding redemption by the trustee, see "Trustee Redemption" in Part B of this Prospectus.

\+ Plus accrued interest to the expected date of settlement (approximately five business days after purchase) of $7.39 monthly, $10.47 semi-annually and $10.49 annually.

++ The estimated current return and estimated long term return are increased for transactions entitled to a discount (see "Employee Discounts" in Part B of this Prospectus), and are higher under the semi-annual and annual options due to lower Trustee's fees and expenses.

+++ Based solely upon the bid side evaluation of the underlying Bonds (including, where applicable, undistributed cash from the principal account). Upon tender for redemption, the price to be paid will be calculated as described under "Trustee Redemption" in Part B of this Prospectus.

++++ See "Comparison of Public Offering Price, Sponsor's Repurchase Price and Redemption Price" in Part B of this Prospectus.

\# Does not include income accrual from original issue discount bonds, if any.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE TRUST
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1993

DESCRIPTION OF PORTFOLIO*

The portfolio of the Trust consists of 15 issues representing obligations of issuers located in 12 states and the District of Columbia. The Sponsor has not participated as a sole underwriter or manager, co-manager or member of an underwriting syndicate from which any of the initial aggregate principal amount of the Bonds were acquired. Approximately 54.8% of the Bonds are obligations of state and local housing authorities; approximately 17.7% are hospital revenue bonds; approximately 11.8% were issued in connection with the financing of nuclear generating facilities; and none are "mortgage subsidy" bonds. All of the Bonds in the Trust are subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity dates pursuant to sinking fund or optional call provisions. The Bonds may also be subject to other calls, which may be permitted or required by events which cannot be predicted (such as destruction, condemnation, termination of a contract, or receipt of excess or unanticipated revenues). None of the Bonds are general obligation bonds. Fifteen issues representing $10,875,000 of the principal amount of the Bonds are payable from the income of a specific project or authority and are not supported by the issuer's power to levy taxes. The portfolio is divided for purpose of issue as follows: Coal Power 1, Federally Insured Mortgage 2, Hospital 4, Industrial Development 1, Levee District 1, Multi-Family Housing 1, Nuclear Power 3, Waste Water 1 and Water 1. For an explanation of the significance of these factors see "The Trust--Portfolio" in Part B of this Prospectus.

* Changes in the Trust Portfolio: From January 1, 1994 to March 24, 1994, the entire principal amount of the Bonds in portfolio no. 14 has been called and is no longer contained in the Trust. 35 Units have been redeemed from the Trust.

As of December 31, 1993, $5,935,000 (approximately 54.8% of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds) were original issue discount bonds. Of these original issue discount bonds, $5,935,000 (approximately 54.8% of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds) were Zero Coupon Bonds. Zero Coupon Bonds do not provide for the payment of any current interest and provide for payment at maturity at par value unless sooner sold or redeemed. The market value of Zero Coupon Bonds is subject to greater fluctuations than coupon bonds in response to changes in interest rates. None of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds in the Trust were purchased at a "market" discount from par value at maturity, approximately 45.2% were purchased at a premium and none were purchased at par. For an explanation of the significance of these factors see "Discount and Zero Coupon Bonds" in Part B of this Prospectus.

None of the Bonds in the Trust are subject to the federal individual alternative minimum tax under the Tax Reform Act of 1986. See "Tax Status" in Part B of this Prospectus.

FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Selected data for each Unit outstanding for the periods listed below:

Period Ended	Units Outstanding	Net Asset Value Per Unit *	Distributions of Interest During the Period (per Unit) Monthly Option	Semi-Annual Option	Annual Option	Distributions of Principal During the Period (Per Unit)
December 31, 1991	12,000	$510.21	$37.39	$37.95	$38.16	$1.25
December 31, 1992	12,000	503.81	37.32	37.96	38.16	-0-
December 31, 1993	12,000	490.66	37.06	37.71	37.91	5.42

* Net Asset Value per Unit is calculated by dividing net assets as disclosed in the "Statement of Net Assets" by the number of Units outstanding as of the date of the Statement of Net Assets. See Note 5 of Notes to Financial Statements for a description of the components of Net Assets.

Independent Auditors' Report

The Sponsor, Trustee and Certificateholders
Insured Municipal Securities Trust, 17th Discount Series:

We have audited the accompanying statement of net assets, including the portfolio, of Insured Municipal Securities Trust, 17th Discount Series as of December 31, 1993, and the related statements of operations, and changes in net assets for each of the years in the three year period then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Trustee (see note 2). Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 1993, by correspondence with the Trustee. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Insured Municipal Securities Trust, 17th Discount Series as of December 31, 1993, and the results of its operations and the changes in its net assets for each of the years in the three year period then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

KPMG Peat Marwick

New York, New York
March 31, 1994

Statement of Net Assets

December 31, 1993

Investments in marketable securities, at market value (cost $5,693,117)	$ 5,759,736
Excess of other assets over total liabilities	128,209
Net assets 12,000 units of fractional undivided interest outstanding, $490.66 per unit)	$ 5,887,945

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statements of Operations

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	Years ended December 31,		
	1993	1992	1991
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Investment income - interest	$ 486,620	487,846	486,289

Expenses:			
Trustee's fees	13,111	12,069	10,938
Evaluator's fees	2,669	2,466	2,079
Sponsor's advisory fee	1,641	1,642	1,642
Total expenses	17,421	16,177	14,659
Investment income, net	469,199	471,669	471,630
Realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments:			
Net realized loss on bonds sold or called	(4,435)	-	(841)
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) for the year	(110,199)	(97,885)	128,061
Net gain (loss) on investments	(114,634)	(97,885)	127,220
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	$ 354,565	373,784	598,850

See accompanying notes to financial statements.
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Statements of Changes in Net Assets

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<S>	Years ended December 31, 1993 <C>	1992 <C>	1991 <C>
Operations:			
Investment income, net	$ 469,199	471,669	471,630
Net realized loss on bonds sold or called	(4,435)	-	(841)
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) for the year	(110,199)	(97,885)	128,061
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	354,565	373,784	598,850
Distributions to Certificateholders:			
Investment income	447,340	450,520	451,075
Principal	65,040	-	15,000
Total distributions	512,380	450,520	466,075
Total increase (decrease)	(157,815)	(76,736)	132,775
Net assets at beginning of year	6,045,760	6,122,496	5,989,721

Net assets at end of year (including undistributed net investment income of $253,725, $231,866 and $210,717 respectively)	$ 5,887,945	6,045,760	6,122,496
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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INSURED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES TRUST, 17TH DISCOUNT SERIES

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 1993, 1992 and 1991

(1) Organization

Insured Municipal Securities Trust, 17th Discount Series (Trust) was organized on January 30, 1986 by Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc. (Sponsor) under the laws of the State of New York by a Trust Indenture and Agreement, and is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

United States Trust Company of New York (Trustee) has custody of and responsibility for the accounting records and financial statements of the Trust and is responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal control related thereto.

The Trustee is also responsible for all estimates of expenses and accruals reflected in the Trust's financial statements. The accompanying financial statements have been adjusted to record the unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments and to record interest income and expenses on the accrual basis.

The discount on the zero-coupon bonds is accreted by the interest method over the respective lives of the bonds. The accretion of such discount is included in interest income; however, it is not distributed until realized in cash upon maturity or sale of the respective bonds.

Investments are carried at market value which is determined by either Standard & Poor's Corporation or Moody's Investors Service, Inc. (Evaluator) as discussed in Footnotes to Portfolio. The market value of the investments is based upon the bid prices for the bonds at the end of the period, except that the market value on the date of deposit represents the cost to the Trust based on the offering prices for investments at that date. The difference between cost (including accumulated accretion of original issue discount on zero-coupon bonds) and market value is reflected as unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments. Securities transactions are recorded on the trade date. Realized gains (losses) from securities transactions are determined on the basis of average cost of the securities sold or redeemed.

(3) Income Taxes

The Trust is not subject to Federal income taxes as provided for by the Internal Revenue Code.

(4) Trust Administration

The fees and expenses of the Trust are incurred and paid on the basis set forth under "Trust Expenses and Charges" in Part B of this Prospectus.

The Trust Indenture and Agreement provides for interest distributions as often as monthly (depending upon the distribution plan elected by the Certificateholders).

The Trust Indenture and Agreement further requires that principal received from the disposition of bonds, other than those bonds sold in connection with the redemption of units, be distributed to Certificateholders.

See "Financial and Statistical Information" in Part A of this Prospectus for the amounts of per unit distributions during the years ended December 31, 1993, 1992, and 1991.

The Trust Indenture and Agreement also requires the Trust to redeem units tendered. No units have been redeemed since the inception of the Trust.

(5) Net Assets

At December 31, 1993, the net assets of the Trust represented the interest of Certificateholders as follows:

Original cost to Certificateholders	$ 7,160,529
Less initial gross underwriting commission	(393,840)
	6,766,689
Cost of securities sold or called	(1,199,087)
Net unrealized appreciation	66,619
Undistributed net investment income	253,725
Distribution in excess of proceeds from bonds sold or called	(1)
Total	$ 5,887,945

The original cost to Certificateholders, less the initial gross underwriting commission, represents the aggregate initial public offering price net of the applicable sales charge on 12,000 units of fractional undivided interest of the Trust as of the date of deposit.

Undistributed net investment income includes accumulated accretion of original issue discount of $125,515.

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INSURED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES TRUST, 17TH DISCOUNT SERIES

Portfolio

December 31, 1993

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Portfolio No.	Aggregate Principal Amount	Name of Issuer and Title of Bonds	Ratings (1)	Coupon Rate/ Date(s) of Maturity(2)	Redemption Feature S.F.--Sinking Fund Ref.--Refunding (2)(7)	Market Value(3)
<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>
1	$ 150,000	Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia Power Revenue Bonds Series K (AMBAC)	AAA	9.000% 1/01/2020	1/01/08 @ 100 S.F. 1/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	$ 160,863
2	525,000	The Hospital Authority of Walker	AAA	9.250 10/01/2010	10/01/06 @ 100 S.F. 10/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	589,297

		Dade and Catoosa Counties (Georgia) Refunding Revenue Anticipation Certificates, 1985 Series (Financial Guaranty) (5)					
3		500,000	Hospital Authority of St. Joseph County (Indiana) Insured Hospital Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series (Memorial Hospital of South Bend Project) (MBIA) (5)	AAA	9.250 11/01/2015	11/01/06 @ 100 S.F. 11/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	563,610
4		20,000	Kentucky Housing Corporation Multi-Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series A (BIG)	AAA	8.875 7/01/2019	1/01/06 @ 100 S.F. 1/01/96 @ 102 Ref.	20,692
5		500,000	Orleans Louisiana Levee District Marina Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series (Financial Guaranty) (5)	AAA	9.350 11/01/2015	11/01/06 @ 100 S.F. 5/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	549,925
6		550,000	Southern Minnesota, Municipal Power Agency Supply System Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series A (BIG) (5)	AAA	9.500 1/01/2017	No Sinking Fund 1/01/96 @ 102 Ref.	624,971
7		40,000	Ocean County Utilities Authority New Jersey Wastewater Revenue Refunding Bonds, 1985 Series (Financial Guaranty) (5)	AAA	8.700 1/01/2011	1/01/07 @ 100 S.F. 1/01/96 @ 102 Ref.	44,829
8		500,000	Albuquerque, New Mexico Industrial Development Bonds for Capital Glass and Aluminum Corporation 1985 Series (Firemen's Fund Insurance)	AA-	9.375 12/01/2005	12/01/96 @ 100 S.F. 12/01/94 @ 102 Ref.	538,880
9		600,000	City of Farmington, New Mexico Utility System Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series (Financial Guaranty) (5)	AAA	9.750 5/15/2013	5/15/06 @ 100 S.F. 5/15/96 @ 102 Ref.	697,608
10		535,000	Piedmont Municipal Power Agency (South Carolina) Electric Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series (AMBAC) (5)	AAA	9.250 1/01/2019	1/01/16 @ 100 S.F. 1/01/96 @ 103 Ref.	610,360
11	$	400,000	Waco (Texas) Health Facilities Development Corporation Hospital	AAA	9.200% 9/01/2014	9/01/06 @ 100 S.F. 9/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	$ 446,416

		Refunding Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series (Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center Project) (MBIA) (5)				
12	120,000	Burlington, Vermont Waterworks System Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series A (Financial Guaranty) (5)	AAA	9.750 7/01/2005	7/01/01 @ 100 S.F. 7/01/95 @ 103 Ref.	135,007
13	500,000	Wisconsin Health Facility Authority Hospital Revenue Bonds, Sisters Services Incorporated - St. Mary's Hospital 1985 Series (MBIA)	AAA	9.250 7/01/2012	7/01/06 @ 100 S.F. 7/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	550,670
14	3,955,000	The District of Columbia Multi-Unit Housing Finance Corporation Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 1983 (FHA Insured Mortgage Loan-Congress Park II Apartments Section 8 Assisted Project) (MBIA)	AAA	0.000 11/01/2025	5/01/05 @ 11.975 S.F. 11/01/98 @ 6.415 Ref.	159,110
15	1,980,000	Anne Arundel County, Maryland Economic Development Revenue Bonds, Series 1985 (FHA Insured Mortgage Loan-The Regency Club II Facility) (MBIA) (5)	AAA	0.000 6/01/2027	6/01/21 @ 54.504 S.F. 1/06/94 @ 3.409 Ref.	67,498
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	$ 10,875,000					$ 5,759,736
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See accompanying footnotes to portfolio and notes to financial statements.
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INSURED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES TRUST, 17TH DISCOUNT SERIES

Footnotes to Portfolio

December 31, 1993

(1) All ratings are by Standard & Poor's Corporation. A brief description of the ratings symbols and their meanings is set forth under "Description of Bond Ratings" in Part B of this Prospectus.

(2) See "The Trust - Portfolio" in Part B of this Prospectus for an explanation of redemption features. See "Tax Status" in Part B of this Prospectus for a statement of the Federal tax consequences to a Certificateholder upon the sale, redemption or maturity of a bond.

(3) At December 31, 1993, the net unrealized appreciation of all the bonds was comprised of the following:

Gross unrealized appreciation	$ 85,062
Gross unrealized depreciation	(18,443)

Net unrealized appreciation $ 66,619

(4) The annual interest income, based upon bonds held at December 31, 1993, (excluding accretion of original issue discount on zero-coupon bonds) to the Trust is $462,180.

(5) The bonds have been prerefunded and will be redeemed at the next refunding call date.

(6) Bonds sold or called after December 31, 1993 are noted in a footnote "Changes in Trust Portfolio" under "Description of Portfolio" in Part A of this Prospectus.

(7) The Bonds may also be subject to other calls, which may be permitted or required by events which cannot be predicted (such as destruction, condemnation, termination of a contract, or receipt of excess or unanticipated revenues).

NOTE: Part A of This Prospectus May Not Be Distributed Unless Accompanied by Part B.

INSURED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES TRUST

SERIES 6

The Trust is a unit investment trust designated Series 6 ("Insured Municipal Trust") with an underlying portfolio of long-term insured tax-exempt bonds issued by or on behalf of states, municipalities and public authorities and was formed to preserve capital and to provide interest income (including, where applicable, earned original issue discount) which, in the opinions of bond counsel to the respective issuers, is, with certain exceptions, currently exempt from regular federal income tax under existing law but may be subject to state and local taxes. Capital gains are subject to tax. (See "Tax Status" and "The Trust--Portfolio" in Part B of this Prospectus.) The Sponsor is Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc. The value of the Units of the Trust will fluctuate with the value of the underlying bonds. Minimum purchase: 1 Unit.

This Prospectus consists of two parts. Part A contains the Summary of Essential Information as of December 31, 1993 (the "Evaluation Date"), a summary of certain specific information regarding the Trust and audited financial statements of the Trust, including the related portfolio, as of the Evaluation Date. Part B of this Prospectus contains a general summary of the Trust.

Investors should retain both parts of this Prospectus for future reference.

Prospectus Part A Dated April 29, 1994

THE TRUST. The Trust is a unit investment trust formed to preserve capital and to provide interest income (including, where applicable, earned original issue discount) which, in the opinions of bond counsel to the respective issuers, is, with certain exceptions, currently exempt from regular federal income tax under existing law through investment in a fixed, diversified portfolio of long-term insured bonds (the "Bonds") issued by or on behalf of states, municipalities and public authorities which, because of irrevocable insurance, are rated "AAA" by Standard & Poor's Corporation. Although the Supreme Court has determined that Congress has the authority to subject interest on bonds such as the Bonds in the Trust to regular federal income taxation, existing law excludes such interest from regular federal income tax. Such interest income may, however, be subject to the federal corporate alternative minimum tax and to state and local taxes. (See "Tax Status" in Part B of this Prospectus.) For a list of ratings on the Evaluation Date, see "Portfolio." Some of the Bonds may be "Zero Coupon Bonds", which are original issue discount bonds that provide for payment at maturity at par value, but do not provide for the payment of any current interest. Some of the Bonds in the Trust have been issued with optional refunding or refinancing provisions ("Refunded Bonds") whereby the issuer of the Bond has the right to call such Bond prior to its stated maturity date (and other than pursuant to sinking fund provisions) and to issue new bonds ("Refunding Bonds") in order to finance the redemption. Issuers typically utilize refunding calls in order to take advantage of lower interest rates in the marketplace. Some of these Refunded Bonds may be called for redemption pursuant to pre-refunding provisions ("Pre-Refunded Bonds") whereby the proceeds from the issue of the Refunding Bonds are typically invested in government securities in escrow for the benefit of the holders of the Pre-Refunded Bonds until the refunding call date. Usually, Pre-Refunded Bonds will bear a triple-A rating because of this escrow. The issuers of Pre-Refunded Bonds must call such Bonds on their refunding call date. Therefore, as of such date, the Trust will receive the call price for such bonds but will cease receiving interest income with respect to them. For a list of those Bonds which are Pre-Refunded Bonds, if any, as of the Evaluation Date, see "Notes to Financial Statements" in this Part A. Some of the Bonds in the portfolio may have been purchased at an aggregate premium over par. All of the Bonds in the Trust were rated "AAA" by Standard & Poor's Corporation on the Date of Deposit. This rating results from insurance relating only to the Bonds in the Trust and not to Units of the Trust. The insurance does not remove market risk, as it does not guarantee the market value of the Units. For a discussion of the significance of such ratings, see "Description of Bond Ratings" in Part B of this Prospectus, and for a list of ratings on the Evaluation Date see the "Portfolio." The payment of interest and preservation of capital are, of course, dependent upon the continuing ability of issuers of the Bonds or the insurers thereof to meet their obligations. There can be no assurance that the Trust's investment objectives will be achieved. Investment in the Trust should be made with an understanding of the risks which an investment in long-term fixed rate debt obligations may entail, including the risk that the value of the underlying portfolio will decline with increases in interest rates, and that the value of Zero Coupon Bonds is subject to greater fluctuation than coupon bonds in response to changes in interest rates. Each Unit in the Trust represents a 1/1990th undivided interest in the principal and net income of the Trust. The principal amount of Bonds deposited in the Trust per Unit is reflected in the Summary of Essential Information. (See "Organization" in Part B of this Prospectus.) The Units being offered hereby are issued and outstanding Units which have been purchased by the Sponsor in the secondary market.

INSURANCE. Each of the Bonds in the Trust is insured by a municipal bond guaranty insurance policy obtained by either the Sponsor ("Sponsor-Insured Bonds") or the issuers of the Bonds ("Pre-Insured Bonds") and issued by one of the insurance companies (the "Insurance Companies"), described under "Insurance on the Bonds" in Part B of this Prospectus, covering scheduled payment of principal thereof and interest thereon when such amounts shall become due for payment but shall not have been paid by the issuer or any other insurer thereof. The insurance, unless obtained by Municipal Bond Investors Assurance Corporation ("MBIA Corp."), will also cover any accelerated payments of principal and the increase in interest payments or premiums, if any, payable upon mandatory redemption of the Bonds if interest on any Bonds is ultimately deemed to be subject to regular federal income tax. Insurance obtained from MBIA Corp. only guarantees the accelerated payments required to be made by or on behalf of an issuer of small industrial revenue bonds and pollution control bonds if there is an event which results in the loss of tax-exempt status of the interest on such Bonds, including principal, interest or premium payments, if any, as and when required. To the extent, therefore, that Bonds are only covered by insurance obtained from MBIA Corp., such Bonds will not be covered for the accelerated payments required to be made by or on behalf of an issuer of other than small industrial revenue bonds or pollution control revenue bonds if there occurs an event which results in the loss of tax-exempt status of the interest on such Bonds. None of the insurance will cover accelerated payments of principal or penalty interest or premiums unrelated to taxability of interest on the Bonds (although the insurance, including insurance obtained by MBIA Corp., does guarantee payment of principal and interest in such amounts and at such times as such amounts would have been due absent such acceleration). The insurance relates only to the prompt payment of principal of and interest on the securities in the portfolio, and does not remove market risks or guarantee the market value of the Units in the Trust. The terms of the insurance are more fully described under "Insurance on the Bonds" in Part B of this Prospectus. For a discussion of the effect of an occurrence of nonpayment of principal or interest on any Bonds in the Trust, see "Portfolio Supervision" in Part B of this Prospectus. No representation is made herein as to any Bond insurer's ability to meet its obligations under a policy of insurance relating to any of the Bonds. In addition, investors should be aware that, subsequent to the Date of Deposit, the rating of the claims paying ability of the insurer of an underlying Bond may be downgraded, which may result in a downgrading of the rating of the Units in the Trust. The approximate percentage of the aggregate principal amount of the portfolio that is insured by each insurance company is as follows: AMBAC Indemnity Corp. ("AMBAC"), 19.4%; Bond Investor's Guaranty ("BIG"), 17.6%; Financial Guaranty Insurance Company ("Financial Guaranty"), 19.7%; Firemen's Fund Insurance ("Firemen's"), 11.8%; and Municipal Bond Insurance Association ("MBIA, Inc."), 31.5%.

PUBLIC OFFERING PRICE. The secondary market Public Offering Price of each Unit is equal to the aggregate bid price of the Bonds in the Trust divided by the number of Units outstanding, plus a sales charge of 4.9% of the Public Offering Price, or 5.152% of the net amount invested in Bonds per Unit. In addition, accrued interest to the expected date of settlement is added to the Public Offering Price. If Units had been purchased on the Evaluation Date, the Public Offering Price per Unit would have been $920.48 plus accrued interest of $13.63 under the monthly distribution plan, $19.01 under the semi-annual distribution plan and $19.01 under the annual distribution plan, for a total of $934.11, $939.49 and $939.49, respectively. The Public Offering Price per Unit can vary on a daily basis in accordance with fluctuations in the aggregate bid price of the Bonds. (See "Public Offering--Offering Price" in Part B of this Prospectus.)

ESTIMATED LONG TERM RETURN AND ESTIMATED CURRENT RETURN. The rate of return on an investment in Units of the Trust is measured in terms of "Estimated Current Return" and "Estimated Long Term Return".

Estimated Long Term Return is calculated by: (1) computing the yield to maturity or to an earlier call date (whichever results in a lower yield) for each Bond in the Trust's portfolio in accordance with accepted bond practices, which practices take into account not only the interest payable on the Bond but also the amortization of premiums or accretion of discounts, if any; (2) calculating the average of the yields for the Bonds in the Trust's portfolio by weighing each Bond's yield by the market value of the Bond and by the amount of time remaining to the date to which the Bond is priced (thus creating an average yield for the portfolio of the Trust); and (3) reducing the average yield for the portfolio of the Trust in order to reflect estimated fees and expenses of the Trust and the maximum sales charge paid by investors. The resulting Estimated Long Term Return represents a measure of the return to investors earned over the estimated life of the Trust. (For the Estimated Long Term Return to Certificateholders under the monthly, semi-annual and annual distribution plans, see "Summary of Essential Information".)

Estimated Current Return is a measure of the Trust's cash flow. Estimated Current Return is computed by dividing the Estimated Net Annual Interest Income per Unit by the Public Offering Price per Unit. In contrast to the Estimated Long Term Return, the Estimated Current Return does not take into account the amortization of premium or accretion of discount, if any, on the Bonds in the portfolio of the Trust. Moreover, because interest rates on Bonds purchased at a premium are generally higher than current interest rates on newly issued bonds of a similar type with comparable rating, the Estimated Current Return per Unit may be affected adversely if such Bonds are redeemed prior to their maturity.

The Estimated Net Annual Interest Income per Unit of the Trust will vary with changes in the fees and expenses of the Trustee and the Evaluator applicable to the Trust and with the redemption, maturity, sale or other disposition of the Bonds in the Trust. The Public Offering Price will vary with the changes in the bid prices of the Bonds. Therefore, there is no assurance that the present Estimated Current Return or Estimated Long Term Return will be realized in the future. (For the Estimated Current Return to Certificateholders under the monthly, semi-annual and annual distribution plans, see "Summary of Essential Information". See "Estimated Long Term Return and Estimated Current Return" in Part B of this Prospectus.)

A schedule of cash flow projections is available from the Sponsor upon request.

DISTRIBUTIONS. Distributions of interest income, less expenses, will be made by the Trust either monthly, semi-annually or annually depending upon the plan of distribution applicable to the Unit purchased. A purchaser of a Unit in the secondary market will initially receive distributions in accordance with the distribution plan chosen by the prior owner of such Unit and may thereafter change the plan as provided under "Interest and Principal Distributions" in Part B of the Prospectus. Distributions of principal, if any, will be made semi-annually on June 15 and December 15 of each year. (See "Rights of Certificateholders--Interest and Principal Distributions" in Part B of this Prospectus. For estimated monthly, semi-annual and annual interest distributions, see "Summary of Essential Information.")

MARKET FOR UNITS. The Sponsor, although not obligated to do so, presently maintains and intends to continue to maintain a secondary market for the Units at prices based on the aggregate bid price of the Bonds in the Trust portfolio. The reoffer price will be based on the aggregate bid price of the Bonds plus a sales charge of 4.9% of the Public Offering Price (5.152% of the net amount invested), plus net accrued interest. If a market is not maintained a Certificateholder will be able to redeem his Units with the Trustee at a price also based on the aggregate bid price of the Bonds. (See "Liquidity--Sponsor Repurchase" and "Public Offering--Offering Price" in Part B of this Prospectus.)

TOTAL REINVESTMENT PLAN. Certificateholders under the semi-annual and annual plans of distribution have the opportunity to have all their regular interest distributions, and principal distributions, if any, reinvested in available series of "Insured Municipal Securities Trust" or "Municipal Securities Trust." (See "Total Reinvestment Plan" in Part B of this Prospectus. Residents of Texas, see "Total Reinvestment Plan for Texas Residents" in Part B of this Prospectus.) The Plan is not designed to be a complete investment program.

INSURED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES TRUST
SERIES 6

SUMMARY OF ESSENTIAL INFORMATION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1993

Date of Deposit: January 30, 1986	Minimum Principal Distribution:
Principal Amount of Bonds ...$1,700,000	$1.00 per Unit.

Number of Units 1,990	Weighted Average Life to Maturity: 5.6 Years.
Fractional Undivided Interest in Trust per Unit 1/1990	Minimum Value of Trust: Trust may be terminated if value of Trust is less than $800,000 in principal amount of Bonds.
Principal Amount of Bonds per Unit $854.27	Mandatory Termination Date: The earlier of December 31, 2035 or the disposition of the last Bond in the Trust.
Secondary Market Public Offering Price**	Trustee***: United States Trust Company of New York.
Aggregate Bid Price of Bonds in Trust ....$1,742,000+++	Trustee's Annual Fee: Monthly plan $1.03 per $1,000; semi-annual plan $.55 per $1,000; and annual plan is $.36 per $1,000.
Divided by 1,990 Units $875.38	Evaluator: Kenny S&P Evaluation Services.
Plus Sales Charge of 4.9% of Public Offering Price $45.10	Evaluator's Fee for Each Evaluation: Minimum of $12 plus $.25 per each issue of Bonds in excess of 50 issues (treating separate maturities as separate issues).
Public Offering Price per Unit ....$920.48+	Sponsor: Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc.
Redemption and Sponsor's Repurchase Price per Unit ....$875.38+ +++ ++++	Sponsor's Annual Fee: Maximum of $.15 per $1,000 principal amount of Bonds (see "Trust Expenses and Charges" in Part B of this Prospectus).
Excess of Secondary Market Public Offering Price over Redemption and Sponsor's Repurchase Price per Unit ....$45.10++++	
Difference between Public Offering Price per Unit and Principal Amount per Unit Premium/(Discount) ...$66.21	
Evaluation Time: 4:00 p.m. New York Time.	

PER UNIT INFORMATION BASED UPON INTEREST DISTRIBUTION PLAN ELECTED

	Monthly Option	Semi-Annual Option	Annual Option
Gross annual interest income#	$69.82	$69.82	$69.82
Less estimated annual fees and expenses	2.16	1.59	1.40
Estimated net annual interest income (cash)#	$67.66	$68.23	$68.42
Estimated interest distribution#	5.63	34.11	68.42
Estimated daily interest accrual#	.1879	.1895	.1900
Estimated current return#++	7.35%	7.41%	7.43%
Estimated long term return++	2.92%	2.99%	3.01%
Record dates	1st of each month	Dec. 1 and June 1	Dec. 1
Interest distribution dates	15th of each month	Dec. 15 and June 15	Dec. 15

* The Date of Deposit is the date on which the Trust Agreement was signed and the deposit of the Bonds with the Trustee made.

** For information regarding offering price per Unit and applicable sales charge under the Total Reinvestment Plan, see "Total Reinvestment Plan" in Part B of this Prospectus.

*** The Trustee maintains its corporate trust office at 770 Broadway, New York, New York 10003 (tel. no.: 1-800-428-8890). For information regarding redemption by the Trustee, see "Trustee Redemption" in Part B of this Prospectus.

+ Plus accrued interest to the expected date of settlement (approximately five business days after purchase) of $13.63 monthly, $19.01 semi-annually and $19.01 annually.

++ The estimated current return and estimated long term return are increased for transactions entitled to a discount (see "Employee Discounts" in Part B of this Prospectus), and are higher under the semi-annual and annual options due to lower Trustee's fees and expenses.

+++ Based solely upon the bid side evaluation of the underlying Bonds (including, where applicable, undistributed cash from the principal account). Upon tender for redemption, the price to be paid will be calculated as described under "Trustee Redemption" in Part B of this Prospectus.

++++ See "Comparison of Public Offering Price, Sponsor's Repurchase Price and Redemption Price" in Part B of this Prospectus.

Does not include income accrual from original issue discount bonds, if any.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE TRUST AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1993

DESCRIPTION OF PORTFOLIO*

The portfolio of the Trust consists of 14 issues representing obligations of issuers located in 12 states. The Sponsor has not participated as a sole underwriter or manager, co-manager or member of an underwriting syndicate from which any of the initial aggregate principal amount of the Bonds were acquired. Approximately 7.1% of the Bonds are obligations of state and local housing authorities; approximately 25.3% are hospital revenue bonds; approximately 14.7% were issued in connection with the financing of nuclear generating facilities; and approximately 1.5% are "mortgage subsidy" bonds. All of the Bonds in the Trust are subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity dates pursuant to sinking fund or optional call provisions. The Bonds may also be subject to other calls, which may be permitted or required by events which cannot be predicted (such as destruction, condemnation, termination of a contract, or receipt of excess or unanticipated revenues). None of the Bonds are general obligation bonds. Fourteen issues representing $1,700,000 of the principal amount of the Bonds are payable from the income of a specific project or authority and are not supported by the issuer's power to levy taxes. The portfolio is divided for purpose of issue as follows: Coal Power 2, Federally Insured Mortgage 1, Hospital 4, Housing 1, Industrial Development 1, Nuclear Power 2, Pollution Control 1, Waste Water 1, and Water and Sewer 1. For an explanation of the significance of these factors see "The Trust--Portfolio" in Part B of this Prospectus.

* Changes in the Trust Portfolio: From January 1, 1994 to March 24, 1994, the entire principal amount of the Bonds in portfolio no. 14 has been called and is no longer contained in the Trust. 5 Units have been redeemed from the Trust.

As of December 31, 1993, $120,000 (approximately 7.1% of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds) were original issue discount bonds. Of these original issue discount bonds, $120,000 (approximately 7.1% of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds) were Zero Coupon Bonds. Zero Coupon Bonds do not provide for the payment of any current interest and provide for payment at maturity at par value unless sooner sold or redeemed. The market value of Zero Coupon Bonds is subject to greater fluctuations than coupon bonds in response to changes in interest rates. Approximately 16.2% of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds in the Trust were purchased at a "market" discount from par value at maturity, approximately 76.7% were purchased at a premium and none were purchased at par. For an explanation of the significance of these factors see "Discount and Zero Coupon Bonds" in Part B of this Prospectus. All of the Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity pursuant to sinking fund or call provisions.

None of the Bonds in the Trust are subject to the federal individual alternative minimum tax under the Tax Reform Act of 1986. See "Tax Status" in Part B of this Prospectus.

FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Selected data for each Unit outstanding for the periods listed below:

Period Ended	Units Outstanding	Net Asset Value Per Unit *	Distributions of Interest During the Period (per Unit) Monthly Option	Semi-Annual Option	Annual Option	Distributions of Principal During the Period (Per Unit)
December 31, 1991	2,000	$929.54	$69.96	$70.55	$70.74	$ 7.50
December 31, 1992	2,000	911.20	69.12	69.73	69.93	10.00
December 31, 1993	1,990	891.56	68.22	68.85	69.05	8.07

* Net Asset Value per Unit is calculated by dividing net assets as disclosed in the "Statement of Net Assets" by the number of Units outstanding as of the date of the Statement of Net Assets. See Note 5 of Notes to Financial Statements for a description of the components of Net Assets.

Independent Auditors' Report

The Sponsor, Trustee and Certificateholders
Insured Municipal Securities Trust, Series 6:

We have audited the accompanying statement of net assets, including the portfolio, of Insured Municipal Securities Trust, Series 6 as of December 31, 1993, and the related statements of operations, and changes in net assets for each of the years in the three year period then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Trustee (see note 2). Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 1993, by correspondence with the Trustee. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Insured Municipal Securities Trust, Series 6 as of December 31, 1993, and the results of its operations and the changes in its net assets for each of the years in the three year period then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

KPMG Peat Marwick

New York, New York
March 31, 1994

Statement of Net Assets

December 31, 1993

Investments in marketable securities, at market value (cost $1,675,823)	$ 1,741,993
Excess of other assets over total liabilities	32,213
Net assets (1,990 units of fractional undivided interest outstanding, $891.56 per unit)	$ 1,774,206

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statements of Operations

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	Years ended December 31, 1993	1992	1991
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Investment income - interest	$ 140,782	143,273	144,510
Expenses:			
Trustee's fees	2,975	2,876	2,652
Evaluator's fees	890	823	693
Sponsor's advisory fee	259	262	264
Total expenses	4,124	3,961	3,609
Investment income, net	136,658	139,312	140,901
Realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments:			
Net realized loss on bonds sold or called	(1,500)	(1,200)	(900)
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) for the year	(21,684)	(16,114)	47,565
Net gain (loss) on investments	(23,184)	(17,314)	46,665

Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	$ 113,474	121,998	187,566
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.
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Statements of Changes in Net Assets

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	Years ended December 31,		
	1993	1992	1991
<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>
Operations:			
Investment income, net	$ 136,658	139,312	140,901
Net realized loss on bonds sold or called	(1,500)	(1,200)	(900)
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) for the year	(21,684)	(16,114)	47,565
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	113,474	121,998	187,566
Distributions to Certificateholders:			
Investment income	136,499	138,680	140,084
Principal	16,059	20,000	15,000
Redemptions:			
Interest	172	-	-
Principal	8,934	-	-
Total distributions and redemptions	161,664	158,680	155,084
Total increase (decrease)	(48,190)	(36,682)	32,482
Net assets at beginning of year	1,822,396	1,859,078	1,826,596
Net assets at end of year (including undistributed net investment income of $34,523, $34,536 and $33,904 respectively)	$ 1,774,206	1,822,396	1,859,078
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.
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INSURED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES TRUST, SERIES 6

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 1993, 1992 and 1991

(1) Organization

Insured Municipal Securities Trust, Series 6 (Trust) was organized on January 30, 1986 by Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc. (Sponsor) under the laws of the State of New York by a Trust Indenture and Agreement, and is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

United States Trust Company of New York (Trustee) has custody of and responsibility for the accounting records and financial statements of the Trust and is responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal control related thereto.

The Trustee is also responsible for all estimates of expenses and accruals reflected in the Trust's financial statements. The accompanying financial statements have been adjusted to record the unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments and to record interest income and expenses on the accrual basis.

The discount on the zero-coupon bonds is accreted by the interest method over the respective lives of the bonds. The accretion of such discount is included in interest income; however, it is not distributed until realized in cash upon maturity or sale of the respective bonds.

Investments are carried at market value which is determined by either Standard & Poor's Corporation or Moody's Investors Service, Inc. (Evaluator) as discussed in Footnotes to Portfolio. The market value of the investments is based upon the bid prices for the bonds at the end of the period, except that the market value on the date of deposit represents the cost to the Trust based on the offering prices for investments at that date. The difference between cost (including accumulated accretion of original issue discount on zero-coupon bonds) and market value is reflected as unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments. Securities transactions are recorded on the trade date. Realized gains (losses) from securities transactions are determined on the basis of average cost of the securities sold or redeemed.

(3) Income Taxes

The Trust is not subject to Federal income taxes as provided for by the Internal Revenue Code.

(4) Trust Administration

The fees and expenses of the Trust are incurred and paid on the basis set forth under "Trust Expenses and Charges" in Part B of this Prospectus.

The Trust Indenture and Agreement provides for interest distributions as often as monthly (depending upon the distribution plan elected by the Certificateholders).

The Trust Indenture and Agreement further requires that principal received from the disposition of bonds, other than those bonds sold in connection with the redemption of units, be distributed to Certificateholders.

See "Financial and Statistical Information" in Part A of this Prospectus for the amounts of per unit distributions during the years ended December 31, 1993, 1992, and 1991.

The Trust Indenture and Agreement also requires the Trust to redeem units tendered. 10 units were redeemed during the year ended December 31, 1993. No units were redeemed by the Trust during the years ended December 31, 1992 and 1991.

(5) Net Assets

At December 31, 1993, the net assets of the Trust represented the interest of Certificateholders as follows:

Original cost to Certificateholders	$ 2,098,306
Less initial gross underwriting commission	(102,800)
	1,995,506
Cost of securities sold or called	(322,000)
Net unrealized appreciation	66,170
Undistributed net investment income	34,523
Undistributed proceeds from bonds sold or called	7
Total	$ 1,774,206

The original cost to Certificateholders, less the initial gross underwriting commission, represents the aggregate initial public offering price net of the applicable sales charge on 2,000 units of fractional undivided interest of the Trust as of the date of deposit.

Undistributed net investment income includes accumulated accretion of original issue discount of $2,317.

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INSURED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES TRUST, SERIES 6

Portfolio
December 31, 1993

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Port-folio No.	Aggregate Principal Amount	Name of Issuer and Title of Bonds	Ratings (1)	Coupon Rate/ Date(s) of Maturity(2)	Redemption Feature S.F.--Sinking Fund Ref.--Refunding (2) (7)	Market Value(3)
<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>
1	$ 180,000	Moffat County, Colorado Pollution Control Revenue Bonds, Tri-State Generation Transmission Association (AMBAC)	AAA	6.125% 1/01/2007	1/01/97 @ 100 S.F. 2/01/94 @ 100 Ref.	$ 180,396
2	130,000	The Hospital Authority of Walker, Dade and Catoosa Counties (Georgia) Refunding Revenue Anticipation Certificates, 1985 Series (Financial Guaranty) (5)	AAA	9.250 10/01/2010	10/01/06 @ S.F. 10/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	145,921
3	20,000	County of Cook, Illinois Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series A (MBIA)	AAA	9.300 6/01/2009	6/01/00 @ 100 S.F. 6/01/96 @ 102 Ref.	21,929
4	100,000	Hospital Authority of St. Joseph County (Indiana) Insured Hospital Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series	AAA	9.250 11/1/2015	11/01/06 @ 100 S.F. 11/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	112,722

		(Memorial Hospital of South Bend Project) (MBIA) (5)				
5	200,000	Southern Minnesota, Municipal Power Agency Power Supply System Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series A (BIG) (5)	AAA	9.500 1/01/2017	No Sinking Fund 1/01/96 @ 102 Ref.	227,262
6	105,000	Ocean County Utilities Authority New Jersey Waste Water Revenue Refunding Bonds 1985 Series (Financial Guaranty) (5)	AAA	8.700 1/01/2011	1/01/07 @ 100 S.F. 1/01/96 @ 102 Ref.	117,677
7	200,000	Albuquerque, New Mexico Industrial Development Bonds for Capital Glass and Aluminum Corporation 1985 Series (Firemen's Fund Insurance)	AA-	9.375 12/01/2005	12/01/96 @ 100 S.F. 12/01/94 @ 102 Ref.	215,552
8	100,000	City of Farmington, New Mexico Utility System Revenue Bonds 1985 Series (Financial Guaranty) (5)	AAA	9.750 5/15/2013	5/15/06 @ 100 S.F. 5/15/96 @ 102 Ref.	116,268
9	150,000	Piedmont Municipal Power Agency (South Carolina) Electric Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series (AMBAC) (5)	AAA	9.250 1/01/2019	1/01/16 @ 100 S.F. 1/01/96 @ 103 Ref.	171,129
10	100,000	Texas (Harris County) Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds 1985 Series (BIG) (5)		3/15/2002	3/15/95 @ 100 Ref.	107,596
11	100,000	Facilities Development Corporation Hospital Refunding Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series (Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center Project) (MBIA) (5)		9/01/2014	9/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	111,604
12	95,000	Agency (a political subdivision of the State of Utah) Power Supply System Revenue Refunding Bonds 1985 Series J (MBIA) (5)		7/01/2014	7/01/95 @ 100 Ref.	99,712
13	100,000	Wisconsin Health Facility Authority Hospital Revenue Bonds, Sisters	AAA	9.250 7/01/2012	7/01/06 @ 100 S.F. 7/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	110,134

		Services Incorporated - St. Mary's Hospital 1985 Series(MBIA)				
		See				
14	120,000	Maryland Economic Development Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series (FHA Insured Mortgage Loan - The Regency Club II Facility) (MBIA) (5)	6/01/2027	1/06/94	@ 3.409 Ref.	4,091
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	$ 1,700,000					$ 1,741,993
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See accompanying footnotes to portfolio and notes to financial statements.
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INSURED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES TRUST, SERIES 6

Footnotes to Portfolio

December 31, 1993

(1) All ratings are by Standard & Poor's Corporation. A brief description of the ratings symbols and their meanings is set forth under "Description of Bond Ratings" in Part B of this Prospectus.

(2) See "The Trust - Portfolio" in Part B of this Prospectus for an explanation of redemption features. See "Tax Status" in Part B of this Prospectus for a statement of the Federal tax consequences to a Certificateholder upon the sale, redemption or maturity of a bond.

(3) At December 31, 1993, the net unrealized appreciation of all the bonds was comprised of the following:

Gross unrealized appreciation	$ 72,885
Gross unrealized depreciation	(6,715)
Net unrealized appreciation	$ 66,170

(4) The annual interest income, based upon bonds held at December 31, 1993, (excluding accretion of original issue discount on zero-coupon bonds) to the Trust is $138,945.

(5) The bonds have been prerefunded and will be redeemed at the next refunding call date.

(6) Bonds sold or called after December 31, 1993 are noted in a footnote "Changes in Trust Portfolio" under "Description of Portfolio" in Part A of this Prospectus.

(7) The Bonds may also be subject to other calls, which may be permitted or required by events which cannot be predicted (such as destruction, condemnation, termination of a contract, or receipt of excess or unanticipated revenues).

NOTE: Part A of This Prospectus May Not Be
Distributed Unless Accompanied by Part B.

INSURED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES TRUST

18TH DISCOUNT SERIES
(MULTIPLIER PORTFOLIO)

The Trust is a unit investment trust designated 18th Discount Series ("Insured Municipal Discount Trust") with an underlying portfolio of long-term insured tax-exempt bonds issued by or on behalf of states, municipalities and public authorities and was formed to preserve capital and to provide interest income (including, where applicable, earned original issue discount) which, in the opinions of bond counsel to the respective issuers, is, with certain exceptions, currently exempt from regular federal income tax under existing law but may be subject to state and local taxes. Capital gains are subject to tax. (See "Tax Status" and "The Trust--Portfolio" in Part B of this Prospectus.) The Sponsor is Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc. The value of the Units of the Trust will fluctuate with the value of the underlying bonds. Minimum purchase: 1 Unit.

This Prospectus consists of two parts. Part A contains the Summary of Essential Information as of December 31, 1993 (the "Evaluation Date"), a summary of certain specific information regarding the Trust and audited financial statements of the Trust, including the related portfolio, as of the Evaluation Date. Part B of this Prospectus contains a general summary of the Trust.

Investors should retain both parts of this
Prospectus for future reference.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION NOR HAS THE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

Prospectus Part A Dated April 29, 1994

THE TRUST. The Trust is a unit investment trust formed to preserve capital and to provide interest income (including, where applicable, earned original issue discount) which, in the opinions of bond counsel to the respective issuers, is, with certain exceptions, currently exempt from regular federal income tax under existing law through investment in a fixed, diversified portfolio of long-term insured bonds (the "Bonds") issued by or on behalf of states, municipalities and public authorities which, because of irrevocable insurance, are rated "AAA" by Standard & Poor's Corporation. Although the Supreme Court has determined that Congress has the authority to subject interest on bonds such as the Bonds in the Trust to regular federal income taxation, existing law excludes such interest from regular federal income tax. Such interest income may, however, be subject to the federal corporate alternative minimum tax and to state and local taxes. (See "Tax Status" in Part B of this Prospectus.) For a list of ratings on the Evaluation Date, see "Portfolio." The Bonds were acquired at prices which resulted in the portfolio as a whole being purchased at a deep discount from par value. The portfolio may also include bonds issued at an original issue discount. Additionally, some of the Bonds in the portfolio may be "Zero Coupon Bonds," which are original issue discount bonds that provide for payment at maturity at par value, but do not provide for the payment of any current interest. Some of the Bonds in the Trust have been issued with optional refunding or refinancing provisions ("Refunded Bonds") whereby the issuer of the Bond has the right to call such Bond prior to its stated maturity date (and other than pursuant to sinking fund provisions) and to issue new bonds ("Refunding Bonds") in order to finance the redemption. Issuers typically utilize refunding calls in order to take advantage of lower interest rates in the marketplace. Some of these Refunded Bonds may be called for redemption pursuant to pre-refunding provisions ("Pre-Refunded Bonds") whereby the proceeds from the issue of the Refunding Bonds are typically invested in government securities in escrow for the benefit of the holders of the Pre-Refunded Bonds until the refunding call date. Usually, Pre-Refunded Bonds will bear a triple-A rating because of this escrow. The issuers of Pre-Refunded Bonds must call such Bonds on their refunding call date. Therefore, as of such date, the Trust will receive the call price for such bonds but will cease receiving interest income with respect to them. For a list of those Bonds which are Pre-Refunded Bonds, if any, as of the Evaluation Date, see "Notes to Financial Statements" in this Part A. Some of the Bonds in the portfolio may have been purchased at an aggregate premium over par. All of the Bonds in the Trust were rated "AAA" by Standard & Poor's Corporation at the time originally deposited in the Trust. This rating results from insurance relating only to the Bonds in the Trust and not to the Units of the Trust. The insurance does not remove market risk, as it does not guarantee the market value of the Units. For a discussion of the significance of such ratings, see "Description of Bond Ratings" in Part B of this Prospectus, and for a list of ratings on the Evaluation Date see the "Portfolio." The payment of interest and preservation of capital are, of course, dependent upon the continuing ability of issuers of the Bonds or the insurers thereof to meet their obligations. There can be no assurance that the Trust's investment objectives will be achieved. Investment in the Trust should be made with an understanding of the risks which an investment in long-term fixed rate debt obligations may entail, including the risk that the value of the underlying portfolio will decline with increases in interest rates, and that the value of Zero Coupon Bonds is subject to greater fluctuation than coupon bonds in response to changes in interest rates. Each Unit in the Trust represents a 1/10000th undivided interest in the principal and net income of the Trust. The principal amount of Bonds deposited in the Trust per Unit is reflected in the Summary of Essential Information. (See "Organization" in Part B of this Prospectus.) The Units being offered hereby are issued and outstanding Units which have been purchased by the Sponsor in the secondary market.

INSURANCE. Each of the Bonds in the Trust is insured by a municipal bond guaranty insurance policy obtained by either the Sponsor ("Sponsor-Insured Bonds") or the issuers of the Bonds ("Pre-Insured Bonds") and issued by one of the insurance companies (the "Insurance Companies"), described under "Insurance on the Bonds" in Part B of this Prospectus, covering scheduled payment of principal thereof and interest thereon when such amounts shall become due for payment but shall not have been paid by the issuer or any other insurer thereof. The insurance, unless obtained by Municipal Bond Investors Assurance Corporation ("MBIA Corp."), will also cover any accelerated payments of principal and the increase in interest payments or premiums, if any, payable upon mandatory redemption of the Bonds if interest on any Bonds is ultimately deemed to be subject to regular federal income tax. Insurance obtained from MBIA Corp. only guarantees the accelerated payments required to be made by or on behalf of an issuer of small industrial revenue bonds and pollution control bonds if there is an event which results in the loss of tax-exempt status of the interest on such Bonds, including principal, interest or premium payments, if any, as and when required. To the extent, therefore, that Bonds are only covered by insurance obtained from MBIA Corp., such Bonds will not be covered for the accelerated payments required to be made by or on behalf of an issuer of other than small industrial revenue bonds or pollution control revenue bonds if there occurs an event which results in the loss of tax-exempt status of the interest on such Bonds. None of the insurance will cover accelerated payments of principal or penalty interest or premiums unrelated to taxability of interest on the Bonds (although the insurance, including insurance obtained by MBIA Corp., does guarantee payment of principal and interest in such amounts and at such times as such amounts would have been due absent such acceleration). The insurance relates only to the prompt payment of principal of and interest on the securities in the portfolio, and does not remove market risks or guarantee the market value of the Units in the Trust. The terms of the insurance are more fully described under "Insurance on the Bonds" in Part B of this

Prospectus. For a discussion of the effect of an occurrence of nonpayment of principal or interest on any Bonds in the Trust, see "Portfolio Supervision" in Part B of this Prospectus. No representation is made herein as to any Bond insurer's ability to meet its obligations under a policy of insurance relating to any of the Bonds. In addition, investors should be aware that, subsequent to the Date of Deposit, the rating of the claims-paying ability of the insurer of an underlying Bond may be downgraded, which may result in a downgrading of the rating of the Units in the Trust. The approximate percentage of the aggregate principal amount of the portfolio that is insured by each Insurance Company is as follows: AMBAC Indemnity Corp. ("AMBAC"), 16.6%; Financial Guaranty Insurance Company ("Financial Guaranty"), 19.7%; and Municipal Bond Insurance Association ("MBIA"), 63.7%.

PUBLIC OFFERING PRICE. The secondary market Public Offering Price of each Unit is equal to the aggregate bid price of the Bonds in the Trust divided by the number of Units outstanding, plus a sales charge of 5.5% of the Public Offering Price, or 5.820% of the net amount invested in Bonds per Unit. In addition, accrued interest to the expected date of settlement, including earned original issue discount, is added to the Public Offering Price. If Units had been purchased on the Evaluation Date, the Public Offering Price per Unit would have been $616.77 plus accrued interest of $7.57 under the monthly distribution plan, $11.03 under the semi-annual distribution plan and $11.06 under the annual distribution plan, for a total of $624.34, $627.80 and $627.83, respectively. The Public Offering Price per Unit can vary on a daily basis in accordance with fluctuations in the aggregate bid price of the Bonds. (See "Public Offering--Offering Price" in Part B of this Prospectus.)

ESTIMATED LONG TERM RETURN AND ESTIMATED CURRENT RETURN. The rate of return on an investment in Units of the Trust is measured in terms of "Estimated Current Return" and "Estimated Long Term Return".

Estimated Long Term Return is calculated by: (1) computing the yield to maturity or to an earlier call date (whichever results in a lower yield) for each Bond in the Trust's portfolio in accordance with accepted bond practices, which practices take into account not only the interest payable on the Bond but also the amortization of premiums or accretion of discounts, if any; (2) calculating the average of the yields for the Bonds in the Trust's portfolio by weighing each Bond's yield by the market value of the Bond and by the amount of time remaining to the date to which the Bond is priced (thus creating an average yield for the portfolio of the Trust); and (3) reducing the average yield for the portfolio of the Trust in order to reflect estimated fees and expenses of the Trust and the maximum sales charge paid by investors. The resulting Estimated Long Term Return represents a measure of the return to investors earned over the estimated life of the Trust. (For the Estimated Long Term Return to Certificateholders under the monthly, semi-annual and annual distribution plans, see "Summary of Essential Information".)

Estimated Current Return is a measure of the Trust's cash flow. Estimated Current Return is computed by dividing the Estimated Net Annual Interest Income per Unit by the Public Offering Price per Unit. In contrast to the Estimated Long Term Return, the Estimated Current Return does not take into account the amortization of premium or accretion of discount, if any, on the Bonds in the portfolio of the Trust. Moreover, because interest rates on Bonds purchased at a premium are generally higher than current interest rates on newly issued bonds of a similar type with comparable rating, the Estimated Current Return per Unit may be affected adversely if such Bonds are redeemed prior to their maturity.

The Estimated Net Annual Interest Income per Unit of the Trust will vary with changes in the fees and expenses of the Trustee and the Evaluator applicable to the Trust and with the redemption, maturity, sale or other disposition of the Bonds in the Trust. The Public Offering Price will vary with changes in the bid prices of the Bonds. Therefore, there is no assurance that the present Estimated Current Return or Estimated Long Term Return will be realized in the future. (For the Estimated Current Return to Certificateholders under the monthly, semi-annual and annual distribution plans, see "Summary of Essential Information". See

"Estimated Long Term Return and Estimated Current Return" in Part B of this Prospectus.)

A schedule of cash flow projections is available from the Sponsor upon request.

DISTRIBUTIONS. Distributions of interest income, less expenses, will be made by the Trust either monthly, semi-annually or annually depending upon the plan of distribution applicable to the Unit purchased. A purchaser of a Unit in the secondary market will initially receive distributions in accordance with the distribution plan chosen by the prior owner of such Unit and may thereafter change the plan as provided under "Interest and Principal Distributions" in Part B of this Prospectus. Distributions of principal, if any, will be made semi-annually on June 15 and December 15 of each year. (See "Rights of Certificateholders--Interest and Principal Distributions" in Part B of this Prospectus. For estimated monthly, semi-annual and annual interest distributions, see "Summary of Essential Information.")

MARKET FOR UNITS. The Sponsor, although not obligated to do so, presently maintains and intends to continue to maintain a secondary market for the Units at prices based on the aggregate bid price of the Bonds in the Trust portfolio. The reoffer price will be based on the aggregate bid price of the Bonds plus a sales charge of 5.5% of the Public Offering Price (5.820% of the net amount invested), plus net accrued interest. If a market is not maintained a Certificateholder will be able to redeem his Units with the Trustee at a price also based on the aggregate bid price of the Bonds. (See "Liquidity--Sponsor Repurchase" and "Public Offering--Offering Price" in Part B of this Prospectus.)

TOTAL REINVESTMENT PLAN. Certificateholders under the semi-annual and annual plans of distribution have the opportunity to have all their regular interest distributions, and principal distributions, if any, reinvested in available series of "Insured Municipal Securities Trust" or "Municipal Securities Trust." (See "Total Reinvestment Plan" in Part B of this Prospectus. Residents of Texas see "Total Reinvestment Plan for Texas Residents" in Part B of this Prospectus.) The Plan is not designed to be a complete investment program.

INSURED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES TRUST
18TH DISCOUNT SERIES

SUMMARY OF ESSENTIAL INFORMATION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1993

Date of Deposit: March 26, 1986
Principal Amount of Bonds ...$9,910,000
Number of Units 10,000
Fractional Undivided Interest in Trust per Unit 1/10000
Principal Amount of Bonds per Unit $991.00
Secondary Market Public Offering Price**
  Aggregate Bid Price of Bonds in Trust ....$5,828,454+++
  Divided by 10,000 Units ...$582.85
  Plus Sales Charge of 5.5% of Public Offering Price $33.92
  Public Offering Price per Unit ....$616.77+
Redemption and Sponsor's Repurchase Price per Unit ....$582.85+ +++ ++++
Excess of Secondary Market Public Offering Price

Minimum Principal Distribution: $1.00 per Unit.
Weighted Average Life to Maturity: 17.8 Years.
Minimum Value of Trust: Trust may be terminated if value of Trust is less than $4,000,000 in principal amount of Bonds.
Mandatory Termination Date: The earlier of December 31, 2035 or the disposition of the last Bond in the Trust.
Trustee***: United States Trust Company of New York.
Trustee's Annual Fee: Monthly plan $1.03 per $1,000; semi-annual plan $.55 per $1,000; and annual plan is $.36 per $1,000.
Evaluator: Kenny S&P Evaluation Services.

over Redemption and Sponsor's Repurchase Price per Unit ....$33.92++++
Difference between Public Offering Price per Unit and Principal Amount per Unit Premium/(Discount) ...$(374.23)
Evaluation Time: 4:00 p.m. New York Time.

Evaluator's Fee for Each Evaluation: Minimum of $12 plus $.25 per each issue of Bonds in excess of 50 issues (treating separate maturities as separate issues).
Sponsor: Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc.
Sponsor's Annual Fee: Maximum of $.15 per $1,000 principal amount of Bonds (see "Trust Expenses and Charges" in Part B of this Prospectus).

PER UNIT INFORMATION BASED UPON INTEREST DISTRIBUTION PLAN ELECTED

	Monthly Option	Semi-Annual Option	Annual Option
Gross annual interest income#	$45.38	$45.38	$45.38
Less estimated annual fees and expenses	1.85	1.20	.99
Estimated net annual interest income (cash)#	$43.53	$44.18	$44.39
Estimated interest distribution#	3.62	22.09	44.39
Estimated daily interest accrual#	.1209	.1227	.1233
Estimated current return#++	7.06%	7.16%	7.20%
Estimated long term return++	3.93%	4.04%	4.07%
Record dates	1st of each month	Dec. 1 and June 1	Dec. 1
Interest distribution dates	15th of each month	Dec. 15 and June 15	Dec. 15

* The Date of Deposit is the date on which the Trust Agreement was signed and the deposit of the Bonds with the Trustee made.

** For information regarding offering price per Unit and applicable sales charge under the Total Reinvestment Plan, see "Total Reinvestment Plan" in Part B of this Prospectus.

*** The Trustee maintains its corporate trust office at 770 Broadway, New York, New York 10003 (tel. no. 1-800-428-8890). For information regarding redemption by the trustee, see "Trustee Redemption" in Part B of this Prospectus.

\+ Plus accrued interest to the expected date of settlement (approximately five business days after purchase) of $7.57 monthly, $11.03 semi-annually and $11.06 annually.

++ The estimated current return and estimated long term return are increased for transactions entitled to a discount (see "Employee Discounts" in Part B of this Prospectus), and are higher under the semi-annual and annual options due to lower Trustee's fees and expenses.

+++ Based solely upon the bid side evaluation of the underlying Bonds (including, where applicable, undistributed cash from the principal account). Upon tender for redemption, the price to be paid will be calculated as described under "Trustee Redemption" in Part B of this Prospectus.

++++ See "Comparison of Public Offering Price, Sponsor's Repurchase Price and Redemption Price" in Part B of this Prospectus.

\# Does not include income accrual from original issue discount bonds, if any.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE TRUST
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1993

DESCRIPTION OF PORTFOLIO*

The portfolio of the Trust consists of 24 issues representing obligations of issuers located in 17 states and the District of Columbia. The Sponsor has not participated as a sole underwriter or manager, co-manager or member of an underwriting syndicate from which any of the initial aggregate principal amount of the Bonds were acquired. Approximately 49.5% of the Bonds are obligations of state and local housing authorities; approximately 13.7% are hospital revenue bonds; none were issued in connection with the financing of nuclear generating facilities; and none are "mortgage subsidy" bonds. All of the Bonds in the Trust are subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity dates pursuant to sinking fund or optional call provisions. The Bonds may also be subject to other calls, which may be permitted or required by events which cannot be predicted (such as destruction, condemnation, termination of a contract, or receipt of excess or unanticipated revenues). One issue representing $160,000 of the principal amount of the Bonds is a general obligation bond. All 23 of the remaining issues representing $9,750,000 of the principal amount of the Bonds are payable from the income of a specific project or authority and are not supported by the issuer's power to levy taxes. The portfolio is divided for purpose of issue as follows: Airport 2, Coal Power 4, Federally Insured Mortgage 2, Gas 1, Hospital 6, Multi-Family Housing 2, Pollution Control 1, Sanitation District 1, Sewer 1, Solid Waste 1, Utility District 1 and Water 1. For an explanation of the significance of these factors see "The Trust--Portfolio" in Part B of this Prospectus.

* Changes in the Trust Portfolio: From January 1, 1994 to March 24, 1994, the entire principal amount of the Bonds in portfolio no. 24 has been called and is no longer contained in the Trust. 17 Units have been redeemed from the Trust.

As of December 31, 1993, $4,900,000 (approximately 49.5% of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds) were original issue discount bonds. Of these original issue discount bonds, $4,900,000 (approximately 49.5% of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds) were Zero Coupon Bonds. Zero Coupon Bonds do not provide for the payment of any current interest and provide for payment at maturity at par value unless sooner sold or redeemed. The market value of Zero Coupon Bonds is subject to greater fluctuations than coupon bonds in response to changes in interest rates. Approximately 5.9% of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds in the Trust were purchased at a "market" discount from par value at maturity, approximately 44.6% were purchased at a premium and none were purchased at par. For an explanation of the significance of these factors see "Discount and Zero Coupon Bonds" in Part B of this Prospectus.

None of the Bonds in the Trust are subject to the federal individual alternative minimum tax under the Tax Reform Act of 1986. See "Tax Status" in Part B of this Prospectus.

FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Selected data for each Unit outstanding for the periods listed below:

			Distributions of Interest During the Period (per Unit)			Distributions of Principal During the Period (Per Unit)
Period Ended	Units Outstanding	Net Asset Value Per Unit *	Monthly Option	Semi-Annual Option	Annual Option	

December 31, 1991	10,000	$604.09	$43.56	$44.16	$44.38	-0-
December 31, 1992	10,000	598.88	43.50	44.16	44.38	-0-
December 31, 1993	10,000	593.95	43.44	44.16	44.38	-0-

* Net Asset Value per Unit is calculated by dividing net assets as disclosed in the "Statement of Net Assets" by the number of Units outstanding as of the date of the Statement of Net Assets. See Note 5 of Notes to Financial Statements for a description of the components of Net Assets.

Independent Auditors' Report

The Sponsor, Trustee and Certificateholders
Insured Municipal Securities Trust, 18th Discount Series:

We have audited the accompanying statement of net assets, including the portfolio, of Insured Municipal Securities Trust, 18th Discount Series as of December 31, 1993, and the related statements of operations, and changes in net assets for each of the years in the three year period then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Trustee (see note 2). Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 1993, by correspondence with the Trustee. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Insured Municipal Securities Trust, 18th Discount Series as of December 31, 1993, and the results of its operations and the changes in its net assets for each of the years in the three year period then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

KPMG Peat Marwick

New York, New York
March 31, 1994

Statement of Net Assets

December 31, 1993

Investments in marketable securities, at market value (cost $5,811,300)	$ 5,828,454
Excess of other assets over total liabilities	111,056

Net assets 10,000 units of fractional undivided interest outstanding, $593.95 per unit) $ 5,939,510

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statements of Operations

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	Years ended December 31,		
	1993	1992	1991
<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>
Investment income - interest	$ 472,127	471,626	468,778
Expenses:			
Trustee's fees	11,010	10,276	9,335
Evaluator's fees	3,557	3,287	2,772
Sponsor's advisory fee	1,487	1,487	1,487
Total expenses	16,054	15,050	13,594
Investment income, net	456,073	456,576	455,184
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) for the year	(67,317)	(70,419)	188,731
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	$ 388,756	386,157	643,915

See accompanying notes to financial statements.
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Statements of Changes in Net Assets

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	Years ended December 31,		
	1993	1992	1991
<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>
Operations:			
Investment income, net	$ 456,073	456,576	455,184
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) for the year	(67,317)	(70,419)	188,731
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	388,756	386,157	643,915
Distributions to Certificateholders of Investment income	438,008	438,345	438,640
Total increase (decrease)	(49,252)	(52,188)	205,275
Net assets at beginning of year	5,988,762	6,040,950	5,835,675

Net assets at end of year (including undistributed net investment income of $214,700, $196,635 and $178,404 respectively)	$ 5,939,510	5,988,762	6,040,950
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 1993, 1992 and 1991

(1) Organization

Insured Municipal Securities Trust, 18th Discount Series (Trust) was organized on March 26, 1986 by Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc. (Sponsor) under the laws of the State of New York by a Trust Indenture and Agreement, and is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

United States Trust Company of New York (Trustee) has custody of and responsibility for the accounting records and financial statements of the Trust and is responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal control related thereto.

The Trustee is also responsible for all estimates of expenses and accruals reflected in the Trust's financial statements. The accompanying financial statements have been adjusted to record the unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments and to record interest income and expenses on the accrual basis.

The discount on the zero-coupon bonds is accreted by the interest method over the respective lives of the bonds. The accretion of such discount is included in interest income; however, it is not distributed until realized in cash upon maturity or sale of the respective bonds.

Investments are carried at market value which is determined by either Standard and Poor's Corporation or Moody's Investors Service, Inc. (Evaluator) as discussed in Footnotes to Portfolio. The market value of the investments is based upon the bid prices for the bonds at the end of the year, except that the market value on the date of deposit represents the cost to the Trust based on the offering prices for investments at that date. The difference between cost (including accumulated accretion of original issue discount on zero-coupon bonds) and market value is reflected as unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments. Securities transactions are recorded on the trade date. Realized gains (losses) from securities transactions are determined on the basis of average cost of the securities sold or redeemed.

(3) Income Taxes

The Trust is not subject to Federal income taxes as provided for by the Internal Revenue Code.

(4) Trust Administration

The fees and expenses of the Trust are incurred and paid on the basis set forth under "Trust Expenses and Charges" in Part B of this Prospectus.

The Trust Indenture and Agreement provides for interest distributions as often as monthly (depending upon the distribution plan elected by the Certificateholders).

The Trust Indenture and Agreement further requires that principal received from the disposition of bonds, other than those bonds sold in connection with the redemption of units, be distributed to Certificateholders.

See "Financial and Statistical Information" in Part A of this Prospectus for the amounts of per unit distributions during the years ended December 31, 1993, 1992, and 1991.

The Trust Indenture and Agreement also requires the Trust to redeem units tendered. No units have been redeemed since the inception of the Trust.

(5) Net Assets

At December 31, 1993, the net assets of the Trust represented the interest of Certificateholders as follows:

Original cost to Certificateholders	$ 6,143,300
Less initial gross underwriting commission	(337,900)
	5,805,400
Cost of securities sold or called	(97,744)
Net unrealized appreciation	17,154
Undistributed net investment income	214,700
Total	$ 5,939,510

The original cost to Certificateholders, less the initial gross underwriting commission, represents the aggregate initial public offering price net of the applicable sales charge on 10,000 units of fractional undivided interest of the Trust as of the date of deposit.

Undistributed net investment income includes accumulated accretion of original issue discount of $ 103,644.

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INSURED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES TRUST, 18TH DISCOUNT SERIES

Portfolio
December 31, 1993

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Port-folio No.	Aggregate Principal Amount	Name of Issuer and Title of Bonds	Ratings (1)	Coupon Rate/ Date(s) of Maturity(2)	Redemption Feature S.F.--Sinking Fund Ref.--Refunding(2)(7)	Market Value(3)
<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>
1	$ 125,000	Boulder County, Colorado Hospital Revenue Improvement and Refunding Bonds 1985 Series (Boulder Community Hospital Project) (Financial Guaranty)(5)	AAA	9.250% 10/01/2010	10/01/96 @ 100 S.F. 10/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	$ 140,309
2	130,000	Palm Beach County, Florida Solid Waste Authority Revenue Bonds, 1983 Series	AAA	10.000 12/01/2004	12/01/95 @ 100 S.F. None	165,933

		(MBIA)				
3	330,000	City of Atlanta, Georgia, Airport Facilities Revenue Bonds, 1977 Series (Financial Guaranty)	AAA	6.300 1/01/2007	1/01/00 @ 100 S.F. 2/03/94 @ 101 Ref.	333,706
4	160,000	City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds FHA Insured (Hale Pauchi Project) 1985 Series A (MBIA)	AAA	8.700 12/01/2028	6/01/07 @ 100 S.F. 6/01/96 @ 103 Ref.	174,376
5	180,000	City of Alton, Madison County Illinois Hospital Facility Revenue Refunding Bonds, 1985 Series (Saint Anthony's Hospital) (AMBAC)	AAA	9.250 9/01/2003	9/01/00 @ 100 S.F. 9/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	199,766
6	250,000	Decatur, Illinois Sanitation District, General Obligation Refunding Revenue Bonds,1985 Series (Financial Guaranty) (5)	AAA	9.100 2/01/2005	2/01/02 @ 100 S.F. 2/01/99 @ 100 Ref.	306,689
7	100,000	Jasper County Indiana Hospital Authority Hospital Facility Revenue Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center Project 1984 Series(MBIA) (5)	AAA	10.000 3/01/2009	3/01/07 @ 100 S.F. 3/01/94 @ 102 Ref.	103,265
8	355,000	Davies County, Kentucky Hospital Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series A (Mercy Medical Center) (AMBAC) (5)	AAA	9.750 9/01/2011	9/01/04 @ 100 S.F. 9/01/97 @ 100 Ref.	427,842
9	100,000	Kenton County, Kentucky Water District #1 Waterworks Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series (AMBAC) (5)	AAA	9.000 2/01/2005	No Sinking Fund 2/01/95 @ 103 Ref.	109,112
10	155,000	Massachusetts Housing Finance Authority Housing Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series A (MBIA)	AAA	9.125 12/01/2005	12/01/02 @ 100 S.F. 12/01/95 @ 103 Ref.	171,326
11	250,000	County of Monroe, Michigan Pollution Control Revenue Bonds (Detroit Edison Company Project) 1985 Series A (AMBAC)	AAA	9.625 12/01/2015	12/01/96 @ 100 S.F. 12/01/95 @ 103 Ref.	284,963
12	120,000	The City of St. Louis (Missouri) Airport	AAA	10.000 7/01/2002	7/01/99 @ 100 S.F. 7/01/94 @ 103 Ref.	128,152

		Revenue Bonds, 1984 Series Lambert-St. Louis Int'l Airport (AMBAC) (5)				
13	100,000	Reno, Nevada Hospital Refunding Revenue Bonds, Saint Mary's Hospital, 1985 Series A (MBIA)	AAA	9.750 7/01/2004	7/01/01 @ 100 S.F. 7/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	110,985
14	250,000	Cape May County, New Jersey Municipal Utilities Authority Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds, 1985 Series (Financial Guaranty)	AAA	9.000 1/01/2016	1/01/06 @ 100 S.F. 1/01/96 @ 102 Ref.	279,425
15	515,000	Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority Power Supply System Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series C (MBIA) (5)	AAA	9.250 1/01/2015	1/01/06 @ 100 S.F. 1/01/96 @ 102 Ref.	582,728
16	250,000	City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Gas Works Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series 9 (AMBAC) (5)	AAA	9.125 3/15/2012	3/15/06 @ 100 S.F. 3/15/95 @ 102.5 Ref.	273,625
17	495,000	Scranton-Lackawanna Health and Welfare Authority Hospital Revenue Refunding Bonds, 1985 Series (The Community Medical Center Scranton, Pennsylvania) (Financial Guaranty) (5)	AAA	9.875 3/01/2012	3/01/96 @ 100 S.F. 3/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	542,525
18	160,000	City of Henderson, Texas (Rusk County) General Obligation Bonds, 1985 Series (AMBAC)	AAA	9.125 5/15/2003	No Sinking Fund None	212,152
19a	430,000	City of Houston, Texas Sewer System Junior Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds, 1985 Series (Financial Guaranty) (5)	AAA	9.375 12/01/2013	12/01/06 @ 100 S.F. 12/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	487,745
19b	70,000	City of Houston, Texas Sewer System Junior Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds, 1985 Series (Financial Guaranty) (5)	AAA	9.375 12/01/2013	12/01/06 @ 100 S.F. 12/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	79,400
20	140,000	Intermountain Power Agency (a political subdivision of the State of Utah) Power Supply Revenue Refunding Bonds, 1985 Series A (AMBAC) (5)	AAA	9.625 7/01/2008	7/01/06 @ 100 S.F. 7/01/95 @ 102.5 Ref.	156,586

21	90,000	Intermountain Power Agency (a political subdivision of the State of Utah) Power Supply Revenue Refunding Bonds, 1985 Series D (AMBAC) (5)	AAA	9.125 7/01/2018	7/01/13 @ 100 S.F. 7/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	99,578
22	255,000	Intermountain Power Agency (a political subdivision of the State of Utah) Power Supply System Revenue Refunding Bonds, 1985 Series J (MBIA) (5)	AAA	6.500 7/01/2014	7/01/13 @ 100 S.F. 7/01/95 @ 100 Ref.	267,648
23	3,840,000	The District of Columbia Multi-Unit Housing Finance Corporation Mortgage Revenue Bonds, 1983 Series (FHA Insured Mortgage Loan-Congress Park II Apartments Section 8 Assisted Project) (MBIA)	AAA	0.000 11/01/2025	5/01/05 @ 11.975 S.F. 11/01/98 @ 6.415 Ref.	154,483
24	1,060,000	Anne Arundel County, Maryland Economic Development Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series (FHA Insured Mortgage Loan-The Regency Club II Facility) (MBIA) (5)	AAA	0.000 6/01/2027	6/01/21 @ 54.504 S.F. 1/06/94 @ 3.409 Ref.	36,135
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	$ 9,910,000					$ 5,828,454
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See accompanying footnotes to portfolio and notes to financial statements.
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Footnotes to Portfolio

December 31, 1993

(1) All ratings are by Standard & Poor's Corporation. A brief description of the ratings symbols and their meanings is set forth under "Description of Bond Ratings" in Part B of this Prospectus.

(2) See "The Trust - Portfolio" in Part B of this Prospectus for an explanation of redemption features. See "Tax Status" in Part B of this Prospectus for a statement of the Federal tax consequences to a Certificateholder upon the sale, redemption or maturity of a bond.

(3) At December 31, 1993, the net unrealized appreciation of all the bonds was comprised of the following:

Gross unrealized appreciation	$ 138,172	
Gross unrealized depreciation	(121,018)	
Net unrealized appreciation		$ 17,154

(4) The annual interest income, based upon bonds held at December 31, 1993, (excluding accretion of original issue discount on zero-coupon

bonds) to the Trust is $453,810.

(5) The bonds have been prerefunded and will be redeemed at the next refunding call date.

(6) Bonds sold or called after December 31, 1993 are noted in a footnot "Changes in Trust Portfolio" under "Description of Portfolio" in Part of this Prospectus.

(7) The Bonds may also be subject to other calls, which may be permitted or required by events which cannot be predicted (such as destruction, condemnation, termination of a contract, or receipt of excess or unanticipated revenues).

NOTE: Part A of This Prospectus May Not Be Distributed Unless Accompanied by Part B.

INSURED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES TRUST

19TH DISCOUNT SERIES
(MULTIPLIER PORTFOLIO)

The Trust is a unit investment trust designated 19th Discount Series ("Insured Municipal Discount Trust") with an underlying portfolio of long-term insured tax-exempt bonds issued by or on behalf of states, municipalities and public authorities and was formed to preserve capital and to provide interest income (including, where applicable, earned original issue discount) which, in the opinions of bond counsel to the respective issuers, is, with certain exceptions, currently exempt from regular federal income tax under existing law but may be subject to state and local taxes. Capital gains are subject to tax. (See "Tax Status" and "The Trust--Portfolio" in Part B of this Prospectus.) The Sponsor is Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc. The value of the Units of the Trust will fluctuate with the value of the underlying bonds. Minimum purchase: 1 Unit.

This Prospectus consists of two parts. Part A contains the Summary of Essential Information as of December 31, 1993 (the "Evaluation Date"), a summary of certain specific information regarding the Trust and audited financial statements of the Trust, including the related portfolio, as of the Evaluation Date. Part B of this Prospectus contains a general summary of the Trust.

Investors should retain both parts of this Prospectus for future reference.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION NOR HAS THE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

Prospectus Part A Dated April 29, 1994

THE TRUST. The Trust is a unit investment trust formed to preserve capital and to provide interest income (including, where applicable, earned original issue discount) which, in the opinions of bond counsel to the respective issuers, is, with certain exceptions, currently exempt from regular federal income tax under existing law through investment in a fixed, diversified portfolio of long-term insured bonds (the "Bonds") issued by or on behalf of states, municipalities and public authorities which, because of irrevocable insurance, are rated "AAA" by Standard & Poor's Corporation. Although the Supreme Court has determined that Congress has the authority to subject interest on bonds such as the Bonds in the Trust to regular federal income taxation, existing law excludes such interest from regular federal income tax. Such interest income may, however, be subject to the federal corporate alternative minimum tax and to state and local taxes. (See "Tax Status" in Part B of this Prospectus.) For a list of ratings on the Evaluation Date, see "Portfolio." The Bonds were acquired at prices which resulted in the portfolio as a whole being purchased at a deep discount from par value. The portfolio may also include bonds issued at an original issue discount. Additionally, some of the Bonds in the portfolio may be "Zero Coupon Bonds," which are original issue discount bonds that provide for payment at maturity at par value, but do not provide for the payment of any current interest. Some of the Bonds in the Trust have been issued with optional refunding or refinancing provisions ("Refunded Bonds") whereby the issuer of the Bond has the right to call such Bond prior to its stated maturity date (and other than pursuant to sinking fund provisions) and to issue new bonds ("Refunding Bonds") in order to finance the redemption. Issuers typically utilize refunding calls in order to take advantage of lower interest rates in the marketplace. Some of these Refunded Bonds may be called for redemption pursuant to pre-refunding provisions ("Pre-Refunded Bonds") whereby the proceeds from the issue of the Refunding Bonds are typically invested in government securities in escrow for the benefit of the holders of the Pre-Refunded Bonds until the refunding call date. Usually, Pre-Refunded Bonds will bear a triple-A rating because of this escrow. The issuers of Pre-Refunded Bonds must call such Bonds on their refunding call date. Therefore, as of such date, the Trust will receive the call price for such bonds but will cease receiving interest income with respect to them. For a list of those Bonds which are Pre-Refunded Bonds, if any, as of the Evaluation Date, see "Notes to Financial Statements" in this Part A. Some of the Bonds in the portfolio may have been purchased at an aggregate premium over par. All of the Bonds in the Trust were rated "AAA" by Standard & Poor's Corporation at the time originally deposited in the Trust. This rating results from insurance relating only to the Bonds in the Trust and not to the Units of the Trust. The insurance does not remove market risk, as it does not guarantee the market value of the Units. For a discussion of the significance of such ratings, see "Description of Bond Ratings" in Part B of this Prospectus, and for a list of ratings on the Evaluation Date see the "Portfolio." The payment of interest and preservation of capital are, of course, dependent upon the continuing ability of issuers of the Bonds or the insurers thereof to meet their obligations. There can be no assurance that the Trust's investment objectives will be achieved. Investment in the Trust should be made with an understanding of the risks which an investment in long-term fixed rate debt obligations may entail, including the risk that the value of the underlying portfolio will decline with increases in interest rates, and that the value of Zero Coupon Bonds is subject to greater fluctuation than coupon bonds in response to changes in interest rates. Each Unit in the Trust represents a 1/15000th undivided interest in the principal and net income of the Trust. The principal amount of Bonds deposited in the Trust per Unit is reflected in the Summary of Essential Information. (See "Organization" in Part B of this Prospectus.) The Units being offered hereby are issued and outstanding Units which have been purchased by the Sponsor in the secondary market.

INSURANCE. Each of the Bonds in the Trust is insured by a municipal bond guaranty insurance policy obtained by either the Sponsor ("Sponsor-Insured Bonds") or the issuers of the Bonds ("Pre-Insured Bonds") and issued by one of the insurance companies (the "Insurance Companies"), described under "Insurance on the Bonds" in Part B of this Prospectus, covering scheduled payment of principal thereof and interest thereon when such amounts shall become due for payment but shall not have been paid by the issuer or any other insurer thereof. The insurance, unless obtained by Municipal Bond Investors Assurance Corporation ("MBIA Corp."), will also cover any accelerated payments of principal and the increase in interest payments or premiums, if any, payable upon mandatory redemption of the Bonds if interest on any Bonds is ultimately deemed to be subject to regular federal income tax. Insurance obtained from MBIA Corp. only guarantees the accelerated payments required to be made by or on behalf of an issuer of small industrial revenue bonds and pollution control bonds if there is an event which results in the loss of tax-exempt status of the interest on such Bonds, including principal, interest or premium payments, if any, as and when required. To the extent, therefore, that Bonds are only covered by insurance obtained from MBIA Corp., such Bonds will not be covered for the accelerated payments required to be made by or on behalf of an issuer of other than small industrial revenue bonds or pollution control revenue bonds if there occurs an event which results in the loss of tax-exempt status of the interest on such Bonds. None of the insurance will cover accelerated payments of principal or penalty interest or premiums unrelated to taxability of interest on the Bonds (although the insurance, including insurance obtained by MBIA Corp., does guarantee payment of principal and interest in such amounts and at such times as such amounts would have been due absent such acceleration). The insurance relates only to the prompt payment of principal of and interest on the securities in the portfolio, and does not remove market risks or guarantee the market value of the Units in the Trust. The terms of the insurance are more fully described under "Insurance on the Bonds" in Part B of this Prospectus. For a discussion of the effect of an occurrence of nonpayment of principal or interest on any Bonds in the Trust, see "Portfolio Supervision" in Part B of this Prospectus. No representation is made herein as to any Bond insurer's ability to meet its obligations under a policy of insurance relating to any of the Bonds. In addition, investors should be aware that, subsequent to the Date of Deposit, the rating of the claims-paying ability of the insurer of an underlying Bond may be downgraded, which may result in a downgrading of the rating of the Units in the Trust. The approximate percentage of the aggregate principal amount of the portfolio that is insured by each Insurance Company is as follows: AMBAC Indemnity Corp. ("AMBAC"), 7.2%; Bond Investors Guaranty ("BIG"), 10.9%; Financial Guaranty Insurance Company ("Financial Guaranty"), 18.4%; and Municipal Bond Insurance Association ("MBIA"), 63.5%.

PUBLIC OFFERING PRICE. The secondary market Public Offering Price of each Unit is equal to the aggregate bid price of the Bonds in the Trust divided by the number of Units outstanding, plus a sales charge of 5.5% of the Public Offering Price, or 5.820% of the net amount invested in Bonds per Unit. In addition, accrued interest to the expected date of settlement, including earned original issue discount, is added to the Public Offering Price. If Units had been purchased on the Evaluation Date, the Public Offering Price per Unit would have been $567.00 plus accrued interest of $7.50 under the monthly distribution plan, $10.71 under the semi-annual distribution plan and $10.76 under the annual distribution plan, for a total of $574.50, $577.71 and $577.76, respectively. The Public Offering Price per Unit can vary on a daily basis in accordance with fluctuations in the aggregate bid price of the Bonds. (See "Public Offering--Offering Price" in Part B of this Prospectus.)

ESTIMATED LONG TERM RETURN AND ESTIMATED CURRENT RETURN. The rate of return on an investment in Units of the Trust is measured in terms of "Estimated Current Return" and "Estimated Long Term Return".

Estimated Long Term Return is calculated by: (1) computing the yield to maturity or to an earlier call date (whichever results in a lower yield) for each Bond in the Trust's portfolio in accordance with accepted bond practices, which practices take into account not only the interest payable on the Bond but also the amortization of premiums or accretion of discounts, if any; (2) calculating the average of the yields for the Bonds in the Trust's portfolio by weighing each Bond's yield by the market value of the Bond and by the amount of time remaining to the date to which the Bond is priced (thus creating an average yield for the portfolio of the Trust); and (3) reducing the average yield for the portfolio of the Trust in order to reflect estimated fees and expenses of the Trust and the maximum sales charge paid by investors. The resulting Estimated Long Term Return represents a measure of the return to investors earned over the estimated life of the Trust. (For the Estimated Long Term Return to Certificateholders under the monthly, semi-annual and annual distribution plans, see "Summary of Essential Information".)

Estimated Current Return is a measure of the Trust's cash flow. Estimated Current Return is computed by dividing the Estimated Net Annual Interest Income per Unit by the Public Offering Price per Unit. In contrast to the Estimated Long Term Return, the Estimated Current Return does not take into account the amortization of premium or accretion of discount, if any, on the Bonds in the portfolio of the Trust. Moreover, because interest rates on Bonds purchased at a premium are generally higher than current interest rates on newly issued bonds of a similar type with comparable rating, the Estimated Current Return per Unit may be affected adversely if such Bonds are redeemed prior to their maturity.

The Estimated Net Annual Interest Income per Unit of the Trust will vary with changes in the fees and expenses of the Trustee and the Evaluator applicable to the Trust and with the redemption, maturity, sale or other disposition of the Bonds in the Trust. The Public Offering Price will vary with changes in the bid prices of the Bonds. Therefore, there is no assurance that the present Estimated Current Return or Estimated Long Term Return will be realized in the future. (For the Estimated Current Return to Certificateholders under the monthly, semi-annual and annual distribution plans, see "Summary of Essential Information". See "Estimated Long Term Return and Estimated Current Return" in Part B of this Prospectus.)

A schedule of cash flow projections is available from the Sponsor upon request.

DISTRIBUTIONS. Distributions of interest income, less expenses, will be made by the Trust either monthly, semi-annually or annually depending upon the plan of distribution applicable to the Unit purchased. A purchaser of a Unit in the secondary market will initially receive distributions in accordance with the distribution plan chosen by the prior owner of such Unit and may thereafter change the plan as provided under "Interest and Principal Distributions" in Part B of this Prospectus. Distributions of principal, if any, will be made semi-annually on June 15 and December 15 of each year. (See "Rights of Certificateholders--Interest and Principal Distributions" in Part B of this Prospectus. For estimated monthly, semi-annual and annual interest distributions, see "Summary of Essential Information.")

MARKET FOR UNITS. The Sponsor, although not obligated to do so, presently maintains and intends to continue to maintain a secondary market for the Units at prices based on the aggregate bid price of the Bonds in the Trust portfolio. The reoffer price will be based on the aggregate bid price of the Bonds plus a sales charge of 5.5% of the Public Offering Price (5.820% of the net amount invested), plus net accrued interest. If a market is not maintained a Certificateholder will be able to redeem his Units with the Trustee at a price also based on the aggregate bid price of the Bonds. (See "Liquidity--Sponsor Repurchase" and "Public Offering--Offering Price" in Part B of this Prospectus.)

TOTAL REINVESTMENT PLAN. Certificateholders under the semi-annual and annual plans of distribution have the opportunity to have all their regular interest distributions, and principal distributions, if any, reinvested in available series of "Insured Municipal Securities Trust" or "Municipal Securities Trust." (See "Total Reinvestment Plan" in Part B of this Prospectus. Residents of Texas see "Total Reinvestment Plan for Texas Residents" in Part B of this Prospectus.) The Plan is not designed to be a complete investment program.

SUMMARY OF ESSENTIAL INFORMATION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1993

Date of Deposit: April 24, 1986

Principal Amount of Bonds ...$14,400,000

Number of Units 15,000

Fractional Undivided Interest in Trust per Unit 1/15000

Principal Amount of Bonds per Unit $960.00

Secondary Market Public Offering Price**

Aggregate Bid Price of Bonds in Trust ....$8,037,298+++

Divided by 15,000 Units ...$535.82

Plus Sales Charge of 5.5% of Public Offering Price $31.18

Public Offering Price per Unit ....$567.00+

Redemption and Sponsor's Repurchase Price per Unit ....$535.82+ +++ ++++

Excess of Secondary Market Public Offering Price over Redemption and Sponsor's Repurchase Price per Unit ....$31.18++++

Difference between Public Offering Price per Unit and Principal Amount per Unit Premium/(Discount) ...$(393)

Evaluation Time: 4:00 p.m. New York Time.

Minimum Principal Distribution: $1.00 per Unit.

Weighted Average Life to Maturity: 18.6 Years.

Minimum Value of Trust: Trust may be terminated if value of Trust is less than $6,000,000 in principal amount of Bonds.

Mandatory Termination Date: The earlier of December 31, 2035 or the disposition of the last Bond in the Trust.

Trustee***: United States Trust Company of New York.

Trustee's Annual Fee: Monthly plan $1.02 per $1,000; semi-annual plan $.54 per $1,000; and annual plan is $.35 per $1,000.

Evaluator: Kenny S&P Evaluation Services.

Evaluator's Fee for Each Evaluation: Minimum of $12 plus $.25 per each issue of Bonds in excess of 50 issues (treating separate maturities as separate issues).

Sponsor: Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc.

Sponsor's Annual Fee: Maximum of $.15 per $1,000 principal amount of Bonds (see "Trust Expenses and Charges" in Part B of this Prospectus).

PER UNIT INFORMATION BASED UPON INTEREST DISTRIBUTION PLAN ELECTED

	Monthly Option	Semi-Annual Option	Annual Option
Gross annual interest income#	$43.08	$43.08	$43.08
Less estimated annual fees and expenses	1.62	.99	.78
Estimated net annual interest income (cash)#	$41.46	$42.09	$42.30
Estimated interest distribution#	3.45	21.04	42.30
Estimated daily interest accrual#	.1151	.1169	.1175
Estimated current return#++	7.31%	7.42%	7.46%
Estimated long term return++	3.47%	3.58%	3.62%
Record dates	1st of each month	Dec. 1 and June 1	Dec. 1
Interest distribution dates	15th of each month	Dec. 15 and June 15	Dec. 15

* The Date of Deposit is the date on which the Trust Agreement was signed and the deposit of the Bonds with the Trustee made.

** For information regarding offering price per Unit and applicable sales charge under the Total Reinvestment Plan, see "Total Reinvestment Plan" in Part B of this Prospectus.

*** The Trustee maintains its corporate trust office at 770 Broadway, New York, New York 10003 (tel. no. 1-800-428-8890). For information regarding redemption by the trustee, see "Trustee Redemption" in Part B of this Prospectus.

+ Plus accrued interest to the expected date of settlement (approximately five business days after purchase) of $7.50 monthly, $10.71 semi-annually and $10.76 annually.

++ The estimated current return and estimated long term return are increased for transactions entitled to a discount (see "Employee Discounts" in Part B of this Prospectus), and are higher under the semi-annual and annual options due to lower Trustee's fees and expenses.

+++ Based solely upon the bid side evaluation of the underlying Bonds (including, where applicable, undistributed cash from the principal account). Upon tender for redemption, the price to be paid will be calculated as described under "Trustee Redemption" in Part B of this Prospectus.

++++ See "Comparison of Public Offering Price, Sponsor's Repurchase Price and Redemption Price" in Part B of this Prospectus.

Does not include income accrual from original issue discount bonds, if any.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE TRUST AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1993

DESCRIPTION OF PORTFOLIO*

The portfolio of the Trust consists of 24 issues representing obligations of issuers located in 13 states and the District of Columbia. The Sponsor has participated as a sole underwriter or manager, co-manager or member of an underwriting syndicate from which any of the initial aggregate principal amount of the Bonds were acquired. Approximately 51.0% of the Bonds are obligations of state and local housing authorities; approximately 7.1% are hospital revenue bonds; approximately 2.4% were issued in connection with the financing of nuclear generating facilities; and none are "mortgage subsidy" bonds. All of the Bonds in the Trust are subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity dates pursuant to sinking fund or optional call provisions. The Bonds may also be subject to other calls, which may be permitted or required by events which cannot be predicted (such as destruction, condemnation, termination of a contract, or receipt of excess or unanticipated revenues). One issue representing $500,000 of the principal amount of the Bonds is a general obligation bond. All 23 of the remaining issues representing $13,900,000 of the principal amount of the Bonds are payable from the income of a specific project or authority and are not supported by the issuer's power to levy taxes. The portfolio is divided for purpose of issue as follows: Airport 1, Coal Power 2, Electric and Gas 1, Fair and Exposition 1, Federally Insured Mortgage 2, Hospital 4, Hydro-Electric 1, Levee Improvement 1, Nuclear Power 1, Pollution Control 3, Sales Tax 1, Sewer System 1, Urban Renewal 1, Waste and Sewer 1, and Waterworks and Sewer System 2. For an explanation of the significance of these factors see "The Trust--Portfolio" in Part B of this Prospectus.

* Changes in the Trust Portfolio: From January 1, 1994 to March 24, 1994, the entire principal amounts of the Bonds in portfolio nos. 2 and 24 have been called and are no longer contained in the Trust. The entire principal amount of the Bonds in portfolio no. 5 has been called pursuant to pre-refunding provisions and is no longer contained in the Trust.

As of December 31, 1993, $7,345,000 (approximately 51.0% of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds) were original issue discount bonds. Of these original issue discount bonds, $7,345,000 (approximately 51.0% of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds) were Zero Coupon Bonds. Zero Coupon Bonds do not provide for the payment of any current interest and provide for payment at maturity at par value unless sooner sold or redeemed. The market value of Zero Coupon Bonds is subject to greater fluctuations than coupon bonds in response to changes in interest rates. Approximately 3.5% of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds in the Trust were purchased at a "market" discount from par value at maturity, approximately 45.5% were purchased at a premium and none were purchased at par. For an explanation of the significance of these factors see "Discount and Zero Coupon Bonds" in Part B of this Prospectus.

None of the Bonds in the Trust are subject to the federal individual alternative minimum tax under the Tax Reform Act of 1986. See "Tax Status" in Part B of this Prospectus.

FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Selected data for each Unit outstanding for the periods listed below:

Period Ended	Units Out-standing	Net Asset Value Per Unit *	Distributions of Interest During the Period (per Unit) Monthly Option	Semi-Annual Option	Annual Option	Distributions of Principal During the Period (Per Unit)
December 31, 1991	15,000	$604.53	$44.04	$44.70	$44.92	-0-
December 31, 1992	15,000	599.07	43.98	44.68	44.92	-0-
December 31, 1993	15,000	546.79	42.70	43.40	43.63	$40.46

* Net Asset Value per Unit is calculated by dividing net assets as disclosed in the "Statement of Net Assets" by the number of Units outstanding as of the date of the Statement of Net Assets. See Note 5 of Notes to Financial Statements for a description of the components of Net Assets.

Independent Auditors' Report

The Sponsor, Trustee and Certificateholders
Insured Municipal Securities Trust, 19th Discount Series:

We have audited the accompanying statement of net assets, including the portfolio, of Insured Municipal Securities Trust, 19th Discount Series as of December 31, 1993, and the related statements of operations, and changes in net assets for each of the years in the three year period then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Trustee (see note 2). Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 1993, by correspondence with the Trustee. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and siGnificant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Insured Municipal Securities Trust, 19th Discount Series as of December 31, 1993, and the results of its operations and the changes in its net assets for each of the years in the three year period then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

KPMG Peat Marwick

New York, New York
March 31, 1994

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Statement of Net Assets

December 31, 1993

<S>	<C>
Investments in marketable securities, at market value (cost $8,252,171)	$ 8,037,198
Excess of other assets over total liabilities	164,717
Net assets 15,000 units of fractional undivided interest outstanding, $546.79 per unit)	$ 8,201,915

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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statements of Operations

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<S>	Years ended December 31, 1993 <C>	1992 <C>	1991 <C>
Investment income - interest	$ 692,174	713,871	709,506
Expenses:			
Trustee's fees	15,697	15,408	14,696
Evaluator's fees	2,670	2,467	2,079
Sponsor's advisory fee	2,250	2,250	2,250
Total expenses	20,617	20,125	19,025
Investment income, net	671,557	693,746	690,481
Realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments:			
Realized gain on bonds sold or called	52,278	-	-
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) for the year	(256,292)	(111,503)	235,608
Net increase in net			

assets resulting from operations	$ 467,543	582,243	926,089

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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statements of Changes in Net Assets

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	Years ended December 31, 1993	1992	1991
<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>
Operations:			
Investment income, net	$ 671,557	693,746	690,481
Realized gain on bonds sold or called	52,278	-	-
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) for the year	(256,292)	(111,503)	235,608
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	467,543	582,243	926,089
Distributions to Certificateholders:			
Investment income	644,831	664,039	664,640
Principal	606,900	-	-
Total increase (decrease)	(784,188)	(81,796)	261,449
Net assets at beginning of year	8,986,103	9,067,899	8,806,450
Net assets at end of year (including undistributed net investment income of $326,766, $300,040 and $270,333 respectively)	$ 8,201,915	8,986,103	9,067,899

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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 1993, 1992 and 1991

(1) Organization

Insured Municipal Securities Trust, 19th Discount Series (Trust) was organized on April 24, 1986 by Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc. (Sponsor) under the laws of the State of New York by a Trust Indenture and Agreement, and is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

United States Trust Company of New York (Trustee) has custody of and responsibility for the accounting records and financial statements of the Trust and is responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal control related thereto.

The Trustee is also responsible for all estimates of expenses and accruals reflected in the Trust's financial statements. The accompanying financial statements have been adjusted to record the unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments and to record interest income and expenses on the accrual basis.

The discount on the zero-coupon bonds is accreted by the interest method over the respective lives of the bonds. The accretion of such discount is included in interest income; however, it is not distributed until realized in cash upon maturity or sale of the respective bonds.

Investments are carried at market value which is determined by either Standard & Poor's Corporation or Moody's Investors Service, Inc. (Evaluator) as discussed in Footnotes to Portfolio. The market value of the investments is based upon the bid prices for the bonds at the end of the period, except that the market value on the date of deposit represents the cost to the Trust based on the offering prices for investments at that date. The difference between cost (including accumulated accretion of original issue discount on zero-coupon bonds) and market value is reflected as unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments. Securities transactions are recorded on the trade date. Realized gains (losses) from securities transactions are determined on the basis of average cost of the securities sold or redeemed.

(3) Income Taxes

The Trust is not subject to Federal income taxes as provided for by the Internal Revenue Code.

(4) Trust Administration

The fees and expenses of the Trust are incurred and paid on the basis set forth under "Trust Expenses and Charges" in Part B of this Prospectus.

The Trust Indenture and Agreement provides for interest distributions as often as monthly (depending upon the distribution plan elected by the Certificateholders).

The Trust Indenture and Agreement further requires that principal received from the disposition of bonds, other than those bonds sold in connection with the redemption of units, be distributed to Certificateholders.

See "Financial and Statistical Information" in Part A of this Prospectus for the amounts of per unit distributions during the years ended December 31, 1993, 1992, and 1991.

The Trust Indenture and Agreement also requires the Trust to redeem units tendered. No units have been redeemed since the inception of the Trust.

(5) Net Assets

At December 31, 1993, the net assets of the Trust represented the interest of Certificateholders as follows:

Original cost to Certificateholders	$ 9,147,844
Less initial gross underwriting commission	(503,100)
	8,644,744
Accumulated cost of bonds sold or called	(554,722)
Net unrealized depreciation	(214,973)
Undistributed net investment income	326,766
Undistributed proceeds from bonds sold or called	100
Total	$ 8,201,915

The original cost to Certificateholders, less the initial gross underwriting commission, represents the aggregate initial public offering price net of the applicable sales charge on 15,000 units of fractional undivided interest of the Trust as of the date of deposit.

Undistributed net investment income includes accumulated accretion of original issue discount of $162,149.

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INSURED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES TRUST, 19TH DISCOUNT SERIES

Portfolio
December 31, 1993
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Port-folio No.	Aggregate Principal Amount	Name of Issuer and Title of Bonds	Ratings (1)	Coupon Rate/ Date(s) of Maturity(2)	Redemption Feature S.F.--Sinking Fund Ref.--Refunding (2)(6)	Market Value(3)
1	$ 110,000	City of Ft. Smith, Arkansas Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series (MBIA) (5)	AAA	9.750% 2/01/2015	2/01/06 @ 100 S.F. 2/01/95 @ 102.5 Ref.	$ 120,363
2	100,000	Georgia Development Authority (Oglethorpe Power Corporation Project) Development Authority of Burke County (GA) Pollution Control Revenue Bonds, 1984 Series (Oglethorpe Power Corp. Vogtle Project) (AMBAC)	AAA	10.375 1/01/2014	No Sinking Fund 1/01/94 @ 102 Ref.	102,000
3	100,000	Metropolitan Fair and Exposition Authority (Illinois) Dedicated State Tax Revenue Bonds,1985 Series (BIG) (5)	AAA	8.750 6/01/2005	6/01/01 @ 100 S.F. 6/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	109,652
4	500,000	Chicago (Illinois) School Finance Authority General Obligation School Assistance Bonds Refunding 1985 Series (Financial Guaranty) (5)	AAA	8.750 6/01/2009	6/01/06 @ 100 S.F. 6/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	548,260
5	205,000	Village of Evergreen Park, Cook County, Illinois Hospital Facility Revenue Bonds, 1984 Series Little Company of Mary Hospital, Inc. (MBIA) (5)	AAA	10.000 2/01/2012	2/01/03 @ 100 S.F. 2/01/94 @ 102 Ref.	210,396
6	450,000	The Hospital Authority of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana Hospital Revenue Refunding Bonds, (Ancilla System Incorporated) 1985 Series A (BIG) (5)	AAA	9.125 7/01/2015	7/01/01 @ 100 S.F. 7/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	497,888

7	400,000	City of Rockport Indiana Fixed Rate Pollution Control Revenue Bonds, (Indiana and Michigan Electric Company Project) 1985 Series A (BIG)	AAA	9.250 8/01/2014	No Sinking Fund 8/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	442,320
8	300,000	City of Des Moines, Iowa Urban Renewal Tax Increment Revenue Bonds, 1984 Series (Financial Guarnaty) (5)	AAA	10.600 6/01/2014	6/01/05 @ 100 S.F. 6/01/95 @ 101 Ref.	333,717
9	350,000	Louisiana Energy and Power Authority Power Project Revenue Bonds (Rodemacher Unit No. 2), 1985 Series (Financial Guaranty) (5)	AAA	9.000% 1/01/2004	1/01/00 @ 100 S.F. 1/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	376,894
10	500,000	Jefferson Sales Tax District (Jefferson Parish, Louisiana) Special Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series A (Financial Guaranty) (5)	AAA	8.875 7/01/2005	7/01/00 @ 100 S.F. 7/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	551,005
11	500,000	Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District (Louisiana) Levee Improvement Refunding Bonds, 1985 Series (MBIA) (5)	AAA	9.300 11/01/2005	5/01/03 @ 100 S.F. 5/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	549,605
12	500,000	See The City of New Orleans (Louisiana) International Airport General Purpose Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series (MBIA)	AAA	9.000 8/01/2015	8/01/06 @ 100 S.F. 8/01/95 @ 103 Ref.	559,335
13	550,000	County of Monroe, Michigan Pollution Control Revenue Bonds, (Detroit Edison Company Project) 1985 Series A (AMBAC)	AAA	9.625 12/01/2015	12/01/96 @ 100 S.F. 12/01/95 @ 103 Ref.	626,918
14	125,000	City of Williston, North Dakota Catholic Health Corporation Health Facilities Revenue Bonds, (Mercy Hospital, Williston Project) 1984 Series (MBIA) (5)	AAA	10.750 6/01/2014	6/01/97 @ 100 S.F. 6/01/94 @ 102 Ref.	131,846
15	125,000	Harris County, Texas Municipal Utility District #132,	AAA	8.600 6/01/2002	No Sinking Fund 6/01/99 @ 100 Ref.	152,068

		Waterworks Sewer System Combined Tax and Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series (MBIA)				
16a	430,000	City of Houston, Texas Sewer System Junior Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1985 (Financial Guaranty) (5)	AAA	9.375 12/01/2013	12/01/06 @ 100 S.F. 12/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	487,745
16b	70,000	City of Houston, Texas Sewer System Junior Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1985 (Financial Guaranty) (5)	AAA	9.375 12/01/2013	12/01/06 @ 100 S.F. 12/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	79,400
17	150,000	Lower Colorado (Texas) River Authority Priority Refunding Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series (BIG) (5)	AAA	9.000 1/01/2009	1/01/06 @ 100 S.F. 1/01/96 @ 102 Ref.	169,006
18	100,000	City of Pharr, Texas Waterworks and Sewer System Construction Refunding and Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series (AMBAC) (5)	AAA	9.000 9/01/2003	No Sinking Fund 9/01/95 @ 100 Ref.	109,384
19	475,000	City of San Antonio, Texas Electric and Gas System Improvement Bonds, New 1985 Series A (BIG) (5)	AAA	9.375 2/01/2009	2/01/05 @ 100 S.F. 2/01/95 @ 101.5 Ref.	513,271
20	275,000	Intermountain Power Agency (a political subdivision of the State of Utah) Power Supply Revenue Refunding Bonds, 1985 Series A (AMBAC) (5)	AAA	9.625 7/01/2008	7/01/06 @ 100 S.F. 7/01/95 @ 102.5 Ref.	307,579
21	500,000	Chelan County (Washington) Public Utility District No. 1 Columbia River-Rock Island Hydro-Electric System Refunding Revenue, 1976 Series (Financial Guaranty)	AAA	6.375 6/01/2029	6/01/07 @ 100 S.F. 2/03/94 @ 102 Ref.	511,285
22a	160,000	Wisconsin Health Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds, 1984 Series (Sister of the Sorrowful Mother-Ministry Corporation) (MBIA) (5)	AAA	10.625 10/01/2012	10/01/02 @ 100 S.F. 10/01/94 @ 102 Ref.	171,942
22b	80,000	Wisconsin Health Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds, 1984 Series (Sister of the Sorrowful Mother-Ministry	AAA	10.625 10/01/2012	10/01/02 @ 100 S.F. 10/01/94 @ 102 Ref.	85,970

		Corporation) (MBIA)				
23	6,345,000	The District of Columbia Multi-Unit Housing Finance Corporation Mortgage Revenue Bonds, 1983 Series (FHA Insured Mortgage Loan-Congress Park II Apartments Section 8 Assisted Project) (MBIA)	AAA	0.000 11/01/2025	5/01/05 @ 11.975 S.F. 11/01/98 @ 6.415 Ref.	255,259
24	1,000,000	Anne Arundel County, Maryland Economics Development Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series (FHA Insured Mortgage Loan-The Regency Club II Facility) (MBIA)	AAA	0.000 6/01/2027	6/01/21 @ 54.504 S.F. 1/06/94 @ 3.409 Ref.	34,090
	$ 14,400,000					$ 8,037,198

</TABLE>
See accompanying footnotes to portfolio and notes to financial statements.

Footnotes to Portfolio

December 31, 1993

(1) All ratings are by Standard & Poor's Corporation. A brief description of the ratings symbols and their meanings is set forth under "Description of Bond Ratings" in Part B of this Prospectus.

(2) See "The Trust - Portfolio" in Part B of this Prospectus for an explanation of redemption features. See "Tax Status" in Part B of this Prospectus for a statement of the Federal tax consequences to a Certificateholder upon the sale, redemption or maturity of a bond.

(3) At December 31, 1993, the net unrealized depreciation of all the bonds was comprised of the following:

Gross unrealized appreciation	$ 77,922
Gross unrealized depreciation	(292,895)
Net unrealized depreciation	$ (214,973)

(4) The annual interest income, based upon bonds held at December 31, 1993, (excluding accretion of original issue discount on zero-coupon bonds) to the Trust is $646,213.

(5) The bonds have been prerefunded and will be redeemed at the next refunding call date.

(6) The Bonds may also be subject to other calls, which may be permitted or required by events which cannot be predicted (such as destruction, condemnation, termination of a contract, or receipt of excess or unanticipated revenues).

NOTE: Part A of This Prospectus May Not Be Distributed Unless Accompanied by Part B.

INSURED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES TRUST

SERIES 7

The Trust is a unit investment trust designated Series 7 ("Insured Municipal Trust") with an underlying portfolio of long-term insured tax-exempt bonds issued by or on behalf of states, municipalities and public authorities and was formed to preserve capital and to provide interest income (including, where applicable, earned original issue discount) which, in the opinions of bond counsel to the respective issuers, is, with certain exceptions, currently exempt from regular federal income tax under existing law but may be subject to state and local taxes. Capital gains are subject to tax. (See "Tax Status" and "The Trust--Portfolio" in Part B of this Prospectus.) The Sponsor is Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc. The value of the Units of the Trust will fluctuate with the value of the underlying bonds. Minimum purchase: 1 Unit.

This Prospectus consists of two parts. Part A contains the Summary of Essential Information as of December 31, 1993 (the "Evaluation Date"), a summary of certain specific information regarding the Trust and audited financial statements of the Trust, including the related portfolio, as of the Evaluation Date. Part B of this Prospectus contains a general summary of the Trust.

Investors should retain both parts of this Prospectus for future reference.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION NOR HAS THE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

Prospectus Part A Dated April 29, 1994

THE TRUST. The Trust is a unit investment trust formed to preserve capital and to provide interest income (including, where applicable, earned original issue discount) which, in the opinions of bond counsel to the respective issuers, is, with certain exceptions, currently exempt from regular federal income tax under existing law through investment in a fixed, diversified portfolio of long-term insured bonds (the "Bonds") issued by or on behalf of states, municipalities and public authorities which, because of irrevocable insurance, are rated "AAA" by Standard & Poor's Corporation. Although the Supreme Court has determined that Congress has the authority to subject interest on bonds such as the Bonds in the Trust to regular federal income taxation, existing law excludes such interest from regular federal income tax. Such interest income may, however, be subject to the federal corporate alternative minimum tax and to state and local taxes. (See "Tax Status" in Part B of this Prospectus.) For a list of ratings on the Evaluation Date, see "Portfolio." Some of the Bonds may be "Zero Coupon Bonds", which are original issue discount bonds that provide for payment at maturity at par value, but do not provide for the payment of any current interest. Some of the Bonds in the Trust have been issued with optional refunding or refinancing provisions ("Refunded Bonds") whereby the issuer of the Bond has the right to call such Bond prior to its stated maturity date (and other than pursuant to sinking fund provisions) and to issue new bonds ("Refunding Bonds") in order to finance the redemption. Issuers typically utilize refunding calls in order to take advantage of lower interest rates in the marketplace. Some of these Refunded Bonds may be called for redemption pursuant to pre-refunding provisions ("Pre-Refunded Bonds") whereby the proceeds from the issue of the Refunding Bonds are typically invested in government securities in escrow for the benefit of the holders of the Pre-Refunded Bonds until the refunding call date. Usually, Pre-Refunded Bonds will bear a triple-A rating because of this escrow. The issuers of Pre-Refunded Bonds must call such Bonds on their refunding call date. Therefore, as of such date, the Trust will receive the call price for such bonds but will cease receiving interest income with respect to them. For a list of those Bonds which are Pre-Refunded Bonds, if any, as of the Evaluation Date, see "Notes to Financial Statements" in this Part A. Some of the Bonds in the portfolio may have been purchased at an aggregate premium over par. All of the Bonds in the Trust were rated "AAA" by Standard & Poor's Corporation on the Date of Deposit. This rating results from insurance relating only to the Bonds in the Trust and not to Units of the Trust. The insurance does not remove market risk, as it does not guarantee the market value of the Units. For a discussion of the significance of such ratings, see "Description of Bond Ratings" in Part B of this Prospectus, and for a list of ratings on the Evaluation Date see the "Portfolio." The payment of interest and preservation of capital are, of course, dependent upon the continuing ability of issuers of the Bonds or the insurers thereof to meet their obligations. There can be no assurance that the Trust's investment objectives will be achieved. Investment in the Trust should be made with an understanding of the risks which an investment in long-term fixed rate debt obligations may entail, including the risk that the value of the underlying portfolio will decline with increases in interest rates, and that the value of Zero Coupon Bonds is subject to greater fluctuation than coupon bonds in response to changes in interest rates. Each Unit in the Trust represents a 1/2000th undivided interest in the principal and net income of the Trust. The principal amount of Bonds deposited in the Trust per Unit is reflected in the Summary of Essential Information. (See "Organization" in Part B of this Prospectus.) The Units being offered hereby are issued and outstanding Units which have been purchased by the Sponsor in the secondary market.

INSURANCE. Each of the Bonds in the Trust is insured by a municipal bond guaranty insurance policy obtained by either the Sponsor ("Sponsor-Insured Bonds") or the issuers of the Bonds ("Pre-Insured Bonds") and issued by one of the insurance companies (the "Insurance Companies"), described under "Insurance on the Bonds" in Part B of this Prospectus, covering scheduled payment of principal thereof and interest thereon when such amounts shall become due for payment but shall not have been paid by the issuer or any other insurer thereof. The insurance, unless obtained by Municipal Bond Investors Assurance Corporation ("MBIA Corp."), will also cover any accelerated payments of principal and the increase in interest payments or premiums, if any, payable upon mandatory redemption of the Bonds if interest on any Bonds is ultimately deemed to be subject to regular federal income tax. Insurance obtained from MBIA Corp. only guarantees the accelerated payments required to be made by or on behalf of an issuer of small industrial revenue bonds and pollution control bonds if there is an event which results in the loss of tax-exempt status of the interest on such Bonds, including principal, interest or premium payments, if any, as and when required. To the extent, therefore, that Bonds are only covered by insurance obtained from MBIA Corp., such Bonds will not be covered for the accelerated payments required to be made by or on behalf of an issuer of other than small industrial revenue bonds or pollution control revenue bonds if there occurs an event which results in the loss of tax-exempt status of the interest on such Bonds. None of the insurance will cover accelerated payments of principal or penalty interest or premiums unrelated to taxability of interest on the Bonds (although the insurance, including insurance obtained by MBIA Corp., does guarantee payment of principal and interest in such amounts and at such times as such amounts would have been due absent such acceleration). The insurance relates only to the prompt payment of principal of and interest on the securities in the portfolio, and does not remove market risks or guarantee the market value of the Units in the Trust. The terms of the insurance are more fully described under "Insurance on the Bonds" in Part B of this Prospectus. For a discussion of the effect of an occurrence of nonpayment of principal or interest on any Bonds in the Trust, see "Portfolio Supervision" in Part B of this Prospectus. No representation is made herein as to any Bond insurer's ability to meet its obligations under a policy of insurance relating to any of the Bonds. In addition, investors should be aware that, subsequent to the Date of Deposit, the rating of the claims paying ability of the insurer of an underlying Bond may be downgraded, which may result in a downgrading of the rating of the Units in the Trust. The approximate percentage of the aggregate principal amount of the portfolio that is insured by each insurance company is as follows: AMBAC Indemnity Corp. ("AMBAC"), 26.0%; Bond Investor's Guaranty ("BIG"), 10.1%; Financial Guaranty Insurance Company ("Financial Guaranty"), 43.8%; and Municipal Bond Insurance Association ("MBIA, Inc."), 20.1%.

PUBLIC OFFERING PRICE. The secondary market Public Offering Price of each Unit is equal to the aggregate bid price of the Bonds in the Trust divided by the number of Units outstanding, plus a sales charge of 4.9% of the Public Offering Price, or 5.152% of the net amount invested in Bonds per Unit. In addition, accrued interest to the expected date of settlement is added to the Public Offering Price. If Units had been purchased on the Evaluation Date, the Public Offering Price per Unit would have been $809.98 plus accrued interest of $12.71 under the monthly distribution plan, $17.27 under the semi-annual distribution plan and $17.29 under the annual distribution plan, for a total of $822.69, $827.25 and $827.27, respectively. The Public Offering Price per Unit can vary on a daily basis in accordance with fluctuations in the aggregate bid price of the Bonds. (See "Public Offering--Offering Price" in Part B of this Prospectus.)

ESTIMATED LONG TERM RETURN AND ESTIMATED CURRENT RETURN. The rate of return on an investment in Units of the Trust is measured in terms of "Estimated Current Return" and "Estimated Long Term Return".

Estimated Long Term Return is calculated by: (1) computing the yield to maturity or to an earlier call date (whichever results in a lower yield) for each Bond in the Trust's portfolio in accordance with accepted bond practices, which practices take into account not only the interest payable on the Bond but also the amortization of premiums or accretion of discounts, if any; (2) calculating the average of the yields for the Bonds in the Trust's portfolio by weighing each Bond's yield by the market value of the Bond and by the amount of time remaining to the date to which the Bond is priced (thus creating an average yield for the portfolio of the Trust); and (3) reducing the average yield for the portfolio of the Trust in order to reflect estimated fees and expenses of the Trust and the maximum sales charge paid by investors. The resulting Estimated Long Term Return represents a measure of the return to investors earned over the estimated life of the Trust. (For the Estimated Long Term Return to Certificateholders under the monthly, semi-annual and annual distribution plans, see "Summary of Essential Information".)

Estimated Current Return is a measure of the Trust's cash flow. Estimated Current Return is computed by dividing the Estimated Net Annual Interest Income per Unit by the Public Offering Price per Unit. In contrast to the Estimated Long Term Return, the Estimated Current Return does not take into account the amortization of premium or accretion of discount, if any, on the Bonds in the portfolio of the Trust. Moreover, because interest rates on Bonds purchased at a premium are generally higher than current interest rates on newly issued bonds of a similar type with comparable rating, the Estimated Current Return per Unit may be affected adversely if such Bonds are redeemed prior to their maturity.

The Estimated Net Annual Interest Income per Unit of the Trust will vary with changes in the fees and expenses of the Trustee and the Evaluator applicable to the Trust and with the redemption, maturity, sale or other disposition of the Bonds in the Trust. The Public Offering Price will vary with the changes in the bid prices of the Bonds. Therefore, there is no assurance that the present Estimated Current Return or Estimated Long Term Return will be realized in the future. (For the

Estimated Current Return to Certificateholders under the monthly, semi-annual and annual distribution plans, see "Summary of Essential Information". See "Estimated Long Term Return and Estimated Current Return" in Part B of this Prospectus.)

A schedule of cash flow projections is available from the Sponsor upon request.

DISTRIBUTIONS. Distributions of interest income, less expenses, will be made by the Trust either monthly, semi-annually or annually depending upon the plan of distribution applicable to the Unit purchased. A purchaser of a Unit in the secondary market will initially receive distributions in accordance with the distribution plan chosen by the prior owner of such Unit and may thereafter change the plan as provided under "Interest and Principal Distributions" in Part B of the Prospectus. Distributions of principal, if any, will be made semi-annually on June 15 and December 15 of each year. (See "Rights of Certificateholders--Interest and Principal Distributions" in Part B of this Prospectus. For estimated monthly, semi-annual and annual interest distributions, see "Summary of Essential Information.")

MARKET FOR UNITS. The Sponsor, although not obligated to do so, presently maintains and intends to continue to maintain a secondary market for the Units at prices based on the aggregate bid price of the Bonds in the Trust portfolio. The reoffer price will be based on the aggregate bid price of the Bonds plus a sales charge of 4.9% of the Public Offering Price (5.152% of the net amount invested), plus net accrued interest. If a market is not maintained a Certificateholder will be able to redeem his Units with the Trustee at a price also based on the aggregate bid price of the Bonds. (See "Liquidity--Sponsor Repurchase" and "Public Offering--Offering Price" in Part B of this Prospectus.)

TOTAL REINVESTMENT PLAN. Certificateholders under the semi-annual and annual plans of distribution have the opportunity to have all their regular interest distributions, and principal distributions, if any, reinvested in available series of "Insured Municipal Securities Trust" or "Municipal Securities Trust." (See "Total Reinvestment Plan" in Part B of this Prospectus. Residents of Texas, see "Total Reinvestment Plan for Texas Residents" in Part B of this Prospectus.) The Plan is not designed to be a complete investment program.

INSURED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES TRUST

SERIES 7

SUMMARY OF ESSENTIAL INFORMATION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1993

Date of Deposit: April 24, 1986
Principal Amount of Bonds ...$1,540,000
Number of Units 2,000
Fractional Undivided Interest in Trust per Unit 1/2000
Principal Amount of Bonds per Unit $770.00
Secondary Market Public Offering Price**
Aggregate Bid Price of Bonds in Trust ....$1,540,582+++
Divided by 2,000 Units $770.29
Plus Sales Charge of 4.9% of Public Offering Price $39.69
Public Offering Price

Minimum Principal Distribution: $1.00 per Unit.
Weighted Average Life to Maturity: 11.0 Years.
Minimum Value of Trust: Trust may be terminated if value of Trust is less than $800,000 in principal amount of Bonds.
Mandatory Termination Date: The earlier of December 31, 2035 or the disposition of the last Bond in the Trust.
Trustee***: United States Trust

per Unit ....$809.98+	Company of New York.
Redemption and Sponsor's Repurchase Price per Unit ....$770.29+ +++ ++++	Trustee's Annual Fee: Monthly plan $1.02 per $1,000; semi-annual plan $.54 per $1,000; and annual plan is $.35 per $1,000.
Excess of Secondary Market Public Offering Price over Redemption and Sponsor's Repurchase Price per Unit ....$39.69++++	Evaluator: Kenny S&P Evaluation Services. Evaluator's Fee for Each Evaluation: Minimum of $12 plus $.25 per each issue of Bonds in excess of 50 issues (treating separate maturities as separate issues).
Difference between Public Offering Price per Unit and Principal Amount per Unit Premium/(Discount) ...$39.98	Sponsor: Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc.
Evaluation Time: 4:00 p.m. New York Time.	Sponsor's Annual Fee: Maximum of $.15 per $1,000 principal amount of Bonds (see "Trust Expenses and Charges" in Part B of this Prospectus).

PER UNIT INFORMATION BASED UPON INTEREST DISTRIBUTION PLAN ELECTED

	Monthly Option	Semi-Annual Option	Annual Option
Gross annual interest income#	$60.53	$60.53	$60.53
Less estimated annual fees and expenses	2.07	1.54	1.38
Estimated net annual interest income (cash)#	$58.46	$58.99	$59.15
Estimated interest distribution#	4.87	29.49	59.15
Estimated daily interest accrual#	.1623	.1638	.1643
Estimated current return#++	7.22%	7.28%	7.30%
Estimated long term return++	2.82%	2.89%	2.91%
Record dates	1st of each month	Dec. 1 and June 1	Dec. 1
Interest distribution dates	15th of each month	Dec. 15 and June 15	Dec. 15

* The Date of Deposit is the date on which the Trust Agreement was signed and the deposit of the Bonds with the Trustee made.

** For information regarding offering price per Unit and applicable sales charge under the Total Reinvestment Plan, see "Total Reinvestment Plan" in Part B of this Prospectus.

*** The Trustee maintains its corporate trust office at 770 Broadway, New York, New York 10003 (tel. no.: 1-800-428-8890). For information regarding redemption by the Trustee, see "Trustee Redemption" in Part B of this Prospectus.

\+ Plus accrued interest to the expected date of settlement (approximately five business days after purchase) of $12.71 monthly, $17.27 semi-annually and $17.29 annually.

++ The estimated current return and estimated long term return are increased for transactions entitled to a discount (see "Employee Discounts" in Part B of this Prospectus), and are higher under the semi-annual and annual options due to lower Trustee's fees and expenses.

+++ Based solely upon the bid side evaluation of the underlying Bonds (including, where applicable, undistributed cash from the principal account). Upon tender for redemption, the price to be paid will be calculated as described under "Trustee Redemption" in Part B of this Prospectus.

++++ See "Comparison of Public Offering Price, Sponsor's Repurchase Price and Redemption Price" in Part B of this Prospectus.

Does not include income accrual from original issue discount bonds, if any.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE TRUST
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1993

DESCRIPTION OF PORTFOLIO*

The portfolio of the Trust consists of 12 issues representing obligations of issuers located in 10 states. The Sponsor has not participated as a sole underwriter or manager, co-manager or member of an underwriting syndicate from which any of the initial aggregate principal amount of the Bonds were acquired. Approximately 7.8% of the Bonds are obligations of state and local housing authorities; approximately 20.1% are hospital revenue bonds; none were issued in connection with the financing of nuclear generating facilities; and none are "mortgage subsidy" bonds. All of the Bonds in the Trust are subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity dates pursuant to sinking fund or optional call provisions. The Bonds may also be subject to other calls, which may be permitted or required by events which cannot be predicted (such as destruction, condemnation, termination of a contract, or receipt of excess or unanticipated revenues). One issue representing $200,000 of the principal amount of the Bonds is a general obligation bond. All 11 of the remaining issues representing $1,340,000 of the principal amount of the Bonds are payable from the income of a specific project or authority and are not supported by the issuer's power to levy taxes. The portfolio is divided for purpose of issue as follows: Coal Power 1, Federally Insured Mortgage 1, Hospital 3, Hydro-Electric 1, Pollution Control 2, Sales Tax 1, Solid Waste 1 and Urban Renewal 1. For an explanation of the significance of these factors see "The Trust--Portfolio" in Part B of this Prospectus.

* Changes in the Trust Portfolio: From January 1, 1994 to March 24, 1994, the entire principal amount of the Bonds in portfolio no. 2 has been called pursuant to pre-refunding provisions and is no longer contained in the Trust. The entire principal amount of the Bonds in portfolio no. 12 has been called and is no longer contained in the Trust. 50 Units have been redeemed from the Trust.

As of December 31, 1993, $120,000 (approximately 7.8% of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds) were original issue discount bonds. Of these original issue discount bonds, $120,000 (approximately 7.8% of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds) were Zero Coupon Bonds. Zero Coupon Bonds do not provide for the payment of any current interest and provide for payment at maturity at par value unless sooner sold or redeemed. The market value of Zero Coupon Bonds is subject to greater fluctuations than coupon bonds in response to changes in interest rates. Approximately 28.2% of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds in the Trust were purchased at a "market" discount from par value at maturity, approximately 64.0% were purchased at a premium and none were purchased at par. For an explanation of the significance of these factors see "Discount and Zero Coupon Bonds" in Part B of this Prospectus. All of the Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity pursuant to sinking fund or call provisions.

None of the Bonds in the Trust are subject to the federal individual alternative minimum tax under the Tax Reform Act of 1986. See "Tax Status" in Part B of this Prospectus.

FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Selected data for each Unit outstanding for the periods listed below:

Period Ended	Units Outstanding	Net Asset Value Per Unit *	Distributions of Interest During the Period (per Unit) Monthly Option	Semi-Annual Option	Annual Option	Distributions of Principal During the Period (Per Unit)
December 31, 1991	2,000	$1,037.54	$77.04	$77.96	$77.97	-0-
December 31, 1992	2,000	938.51	70.52	71.21	71.40	$ 94.35
December 31, 1993	2,000	784.10	63.58	64.20	64.37	139.62

* Net Asset Value per Unit is calculated by dividing net assets as disclosed in the "Statement of Net Assets" by the number of Units outstanding as of the date of the Statement of Net Assets. See Note 5 of Notes to Financial Statements for a description of the components of Net Assets.

Independent Auditors' Report

The Sponsor, Trustee and Certificateholders
Insured Municipal Securities Trust, Series 7:

We have audited the accompanying statement of net assets, including the portfolio, of Insured Municipal Securities Trust, Series 7 as of December 31, 1993, and the related statements of operations, and changes in net assets for each of the years in the three year period then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Trustee (see note 2). Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 1993, by correspondence with the Trustee. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Insured Municipal Securities Trust, Series 7 as of December 31, 1993, and the results of its operations and the changes in its net assets for each of the years in the three year period then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

KPMG Peat Marwick

New York, New York
March 31, 1994

Statement of Net Assets

December 31, 1993

Investments in marketable securities, at market value (cost $1,532,262)	$ 1,540,572
Excess of other assets over total liabilities	27,621
Net assets 2,000 units of fractional undivided interest outstanding, $784.10 per unit)	$ 1,568,193

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statements of Operations

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	Years ended December 31, 1993	1992	1991
<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>
Investment income - interest	$ 130,392	144,986	159,179
Expenses:			
Trustee's fees	2,879	3,000	2,906
Evaluator's fees	889	822	693
Sponsor's advisory fee	272	300	300
Total expenses	4,040	4,122	3,899
Investment income, net	126,352	140,864	155,280
Realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments:			
Net realized gain (loss) on bonds sold or called	16,453	(21,321)	-
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) for the year	(44,629)	12,830	63,012
Net gain (loss) on investments	(28,176)	(8,491)	63,012
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	$ 98,176	132,373	218,292

See accompanying notes to financial statements.
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Statements of Changes in Net Assets

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	Years ended December 31,		
	1993	1992	1991
<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>
Operations:			
Investment income, net	$ 126,352	140,864	155,280
Net realized gain (loss) on bonds sold or called	16,453	(21,321)	-
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) for the year	(44,629)	12,830	63,012
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	98,176	132,373	218,292
Distributions to Certificateholders:			
Investment income	127,766	141,730	154,805
Principal	279,240	188,700	-
Total distributions	407,006	330,430	154,805
Total increase (decrease)	(308,830)	(198,057)	63,487
Net assets at beginning of year	1,877,023	2,075,080	2,011,593
Net assets at end of year (including undistributed net investment income o$29,984, $31,398 and $32,264 respectively)	$ 1,568,193	1,877,023	2,075,080

See accompanying notes to financial statements.
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INSURED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES TRUST, SERIES 7

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 1993, 1992 and 1991

(1) Organization

Insured Municipal Securities Trust, Series 7 (Trust) was organized on April 24, 1986 by Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc. (Sponsor) under the laws of the State of New York by a Trust Indenture and Agreement, and is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

United States Trust Company of New York (Trustee) has custody of and responsibility for the accounting records and financial statements of the Trust and is responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal control related thereto.

The Trustee is also responsible for all estimates of expenses and accruals reflected in the Trust's financial statements. The accompanying financial statements have been adjusted to record the unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments and to record interest income and expenses on the accrual basis.

The discount on the zero-coupon bonds is accreted by the interest method over the respective lives of the bonds. The accretion of such discount is included in interest income; however, it is not distributed until realized in cash upon maturity or sale of the respective bonds.

Investments are carried at market value which is determined by either Standard & Poor's Corporation or Moody's Investors Service, Inc. (Evaluator) as discussed in Footnotes to Portfolio. The market value of the investments is based upon the bid prices for the bonds at the end of the period, except that the market value on the date of deposit represents the cost to the Trust based on the offering prices for investments at that date. The difference between cost (including accumulated accretion of original issue discount on zero-coupon bonds) and market value is reflected as unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments. Securities transactions are recorded on the trade date. Realized gains (losses) from securities transactions are determined on the basis of average cost of the securities sold or redeemed.

(3) Income Taxes

The Trust is not subject to Federal income taxes as provided for by the Internal Revenue Code.

(4) Trust Administration

The fees and expenses of the Trust are incurred and paid on the basis set forth under "Trust Expenses and Charges" in Part B of this Prospectus.

The Trust Indenture and Agreement provides for interest distributions as often as monthly (depending upon the distribution plan elected by the Certificateholders).

The Trust Indenture and Agreement further requires that principal received from the disposition of bonds, other than those bonds sold in connection with the redemption of units, be distributed to Certificateholders.

See "Financial and Statistical Information" in Part A of this Prospectus for the amounts of per unit distributions during the years ended December 31, 1993, 1992, and 1991.

The Trust Indenture and Agreement also requires the Trust to redeem units tendered. No units have been redeemed since the inception of the Trust.

(5) Net Assets

At December 31, 1993, the net assets of the Trust represented the interest of Certificateholders as follows:

Original cost to Certificateholders	$ 2,105,887
Less initial gross underwriting commission	(103,180)
	2,002,707
Cost of securities sold or called	(472,818)
Net unrealized appreciation	8,310
Undistributed net investment income	29,984
Undistributed proceeds from bonds called or sold	10
Total	$ 1,568,193

The original cost to Certificateholders, less the initial gross underwriting commission, represents the aggregate initial public offering price net of the applicable sales charge on 2,000 units of fractional undivided interest of the Trust as of the date of deposit.

Undistributed net investment income includes accumulated accretion of original issue discount of $2,373.

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INSURED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES TRUST, SERIES 7

Portfolio
December 31, 1993

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Port-folio No.	Aggregate Principal Amount	Name of Issuer and Title of Bonds	Ratings (1)	Coupon Rate/ Date(s) of Maturity(2)	Redemption Feature S.F.--Sinking Fund Ref.--Refunding (2) (7)	Market Value(3)
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1	$ 200,000	Chicago (Illinois) School Finance Authority General Obligation School Assistance Bonds Refunding 1985 Series (Financial Guaranty) (5)	AAA	8.750% 6/01/2009	6/01/06 @ 100 S.F. 6/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	$ 219,304
2	55,000	Village of Evergreen Park, Cook County, Illinois Hospital Facility Revenue Refunding Bonds, 1984 Series Little Company of Mary Hospital, Inc. (MBIA) (5)	AAA	9.875 2/01/2002	2/01/00 @ 100 S.F. 2/01/94 @ 102 Ref.	56,442
3	155,000	The Hospital Authority of the City of Ft. Wayne, Indiana Hospital Revenue (Ancilla System Inc.) 1985 Series B (BIG) (5)	AAA	9.500 7/01/2018	7/01/01 @ 100 S.F. 7/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	172,341
4	100,000	Hospital Authority of St. Joseph County Indiana 1st Mortgage Hospital Facilities Refunding Revenue Bonds 1978 (South Bend Osteopathic Hospital Project) (AMBAC)	AAA	6.500 7/01/2007	No Sinking Fund 7/01/94 @ 102 Ref.	103,662
5	75,000	City of Des Moines, Iowa Urban Renewal Tax Increment Revenue Bonds, 1984 Series (Financial Guaranty) (5)	AAA	10.600 6/01/2014	6/01/05 @ 100 S.F. 6/01/95 @ 101 Ref.	83,429
6	200,000	Jefferson Sales Tax District (Jefferson Parish, Louisiana) Special Sales Tax Revenue Bonds 1985 Series A (Financial Guaranty) (5)	AAA	8.875 7/01/2005	7/01/00 @ 100 S.F. 7/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	220,402

7	200,000	County of Monroe, Michigan Pollution Control Revenue Bonds (Detroit Edison Company Project) 1985 Series A (AMBAC)	AAA	9.625 12/01/2015	12/01/96 @ 100 S.F. 12/01/95 @ 103 Ref.	227,970
8	$ 50,000	Mercer County, North Dakota Pollution Control Revenue Bonds, 1984 Series (Basin Electric Power Cooperative - Antelope Valley Station) (AMBAC)	AAA	10.500% 6/30/2013	6/30/09 @ 100 S.F. 12/30/94 @ 102 Ref.	$ 54,575
9	50,000	See Tulsa Public Facilities Oklahoma Solid Waste, Steam and Electric (Odgen Martin Systems) 1984 Series (AMBAC)	AAA	10.375 5/01/2007	5/01/05 @ 100 S.F. 5/01/94 @ 102 Ref.	52,146
10	135,000	Intermountain Power Agency (a political subdivision of the State of Utah) Power Supply System Revenue Refunding Bonds 1985 Series J (MBIA) (5)	AAA	6.500 7/01/2014	7/01/13 @ 100 S.F. 7/01/95 @ 100 Ref.	141,696
11	200,000	Chelan County Washington Public Utility District No. 1 Columbia River-Rock Island Hydro-Electric System Refunding Revenue, Issue of 1976 Series (Financial Guaranty)	AAA	6.375 6/01/2029	6/01/07 @ 100 S.F. 2/3/94 @ 102 Ref.	204,514
12	120,000	Anne Arundel County, Maryland Economic Development Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series (FHA Insured Mortgage Loan - The Regency Club II Facility) (MBIA) (5)	AAA	0.000 6/01/2027	6/01/21 @ 54.504 S.F. 1/06/94 @ 3.409 Ref.	4,091
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	$ 1,540,000					$ 1,540,572
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See accompanying footnotes to portfolio and notes to financial statements.

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INSURED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES TRUST, SERIES 7

Footnotes to Portfolio

December 31, 1993

(1) All ratings are by Standard & Poor's Corporation. A brief description of the ratings symbols and their meanings is set forth

under "Description of Bond Ratings" in Part B of this Prospectus.

(2) See "The Trust - Portfolio" in Part B of this Prospectus for an explanation of redemption features. See "Tax Status" in Part B of this Prospectus for a statement of the Federal tax consequences to a Certificateholder upon the sale, redemption or maturity of a bond.

(3) At December 31, 1993, the net unrealized appreciation of all the bonds was comprised of the following:

Gross unrealized appreciation	$ 54,373
Gross unrealized depreciation	(46,063)
Net unrealized appreciation	$ 8,310

(4) The annual interest income, based upon bonds held at December 31, 1993, (excluding accretion of original issue discount on zero-coupon bonds) to the Trust is $121,069.

(5) The bonds have been prerefunded and will be redeemed at the next refunding call date.

(6) Bonds sold or called after December 31, 1993 are noted in a footnote "Changes in Trust Portfolio" under "Description of Portfolio" in Part A of this Prospectus.

(7) The Bonds may also be subject to other calls, which may be permitted or required by events which cannot be predicted (such as destruction, condemnation, termination of a contract, or receipt of excess or unanticipated revenues).

NOTE: Part A of This Prospectus May Not Be Distributed Unless Accompanied by Part B.

INSURED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES TRUST

20TH DISCOUNT SERIES
(MULTIPLIER PORTFOLIO)

The Trust is a unit investment trust designated 20th Discount Series ("Insured Municipal Discount Trust") with an underlying portfolio of long-term insured tax-exempt bonds issued by or on behalf of states, municipalities and public authorities and was formed to preserve capital and to provide interest income (including, where applicable, earned original issue discount) which, in the opinions of bond counsel to the respective issuers, is, with certain exceptions, currently exempt from regular federal income tax under existing law but may be subject to state and local taxes. Capital gains are subject to tax. (See "Tax Status" and "The Trust--Portfolio" in Part B of this Prospectus.) The Sponsor is Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc. The value of the Units of the Trust will fluctuate with the value of the underlying bonds. Minimum purchase: 1 Unit.

This Prospectus consists of two parts. Part A contains the Summary of Essential Information as of December 31, 1993 (the "Evaluation Date"), a summary of certain specific information regarding the Trust and audited financial statements of the Trust, including the related portfolio, as of the Evaluation Date. Part B of this Prospectus contains a general summary of the Trust.

Investors should retain both parts of this Prospectus for future reference.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION NOR HAS THE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

Prospectus Part A Dated April 29, 1994

THE TRUST. The Trust is a unit investment trust formed to preserve capital and to provide interest income (including, where applicable, earned original issue discount) which, in the opinions of bond counsel to the respective issuers, is, with certain exceptions, currently exempt from regular federal income tax under existing law through investment in a fixed, diversified portfolio of long-term insured bonds (the "Bonds") issued by or on behalf of states, municipalities and public authorities which, because of irrevocable insurance, are rated "AAA" by Standard & Poor's Corporation. Although the Supreme Court has determined that Congress has the authority to subject interest on bonds such as the Bonds in the Trust to regular federal income taxation, existing law excludes such interest from regular federal income tax. Such interest income may, however, be subject to the federal corporate alternative minimum tax and to state and local taxes. (See "Tax Status" in Part B of this Prospectus.) For a list of ratings on the Evaluation Date, see "Portfolio." The Bonds were acquired at prices which resulted in the portfolio as a whole being purchased at a deep discount from par value. The portfolio may also include bonds issued at an original issue discount. Additionally, some of the Bonds in the portfolio may be "Zero Coupon Bonds," which are original issue discount bonds that provide for payment at maturity at par value, but do not provide for the payment of any current interest. Some of the Bonds in the Trust have been issued with optional refunding or refinancing provisions ("Refunded Bonds") whereby the issuer of the Bond has the right to call such Bond prior to its stated maturity date (and other than pursuant to sinking fund provisions) and to issue new bonds ("Refunding Bonds") in order to finance the redemption. Issuers typically utilize refunding calls in order to take advantage of lower interest rates in the marketplace. Some of these Refunded Bonds may be called for redemption pursuant to pre-refunding provisions ("Pre-Refunded Bonds") whereby the proceeds from the issue of the Refunding Bonds are typically invested in government securities in escrow for the benefit of the holders of the Pre-Refunded Bonds until the refunding call date. Usually, Pre-Refunded Bonds will bear a triple-A rating because of this escrow. The issuers of Pre-Refunded Bonds must call such Bonds on their refunding call date. Therefore, as of such date, the Trust will receive the call price for such bonds but will cease receiving interest income with respect to them. For a list of those Bonds which are Pre-Refunded Bonds, if any, as of the Evaluation Date, see "Notes to Financial Statements" in this Part A. Some of the Bonds in the portfolio may have been purchased at an aggregate premium over par. All of the Bonds in the Trust were rated "AAA" by Standard & Poor's Corporation at the time originally deposited in the Trust. This rating results from insurance relating only to the Bonds in the Trust and not to the Units of the Trust. The insurance does not remove market risk, as it does not guarantee the market value of the Units. For a discussion of the significance of such ratings, see "Description of Bond Ratings" in Part B of this Prospectus, and for a list of ratings on the Evaluation Date see the "Portfolio." The payment of interest and preservation of capital are, of course, dependent upon the continuing ability of issuers of the Bonds or the insurers thereof to meet their obligations. There can be no assurance that the Trust's investment objectives will be achieved. Investment in the Trust should be made with an understanding of the risks which an investment in long-term fixed rate debt obligations may entail, including the risk that the value of the underlying portfolio will decline with increases in interest rates, and that the value of Zero Coupon Bonds is subject to greater fluctuation than coupon bonds in response to changes in interest rates. Each Unit in the Trust represents a 1/12447th undivided interest in the principal and net income of the Trust. The principal amount of Bonds deposited in the Trust per Unit is reflected in the Summary of Essential Information. (See "Organization" in Part B of this Prospectus.) The Units being offered hereby are issued and outstanding Units which have been purchased by the Sponsor in the secondary market.

INSURANCE. Each of the Bonds in the Trust is insured by a municipal bond guaranty insurance policy obtained by either the Sponsor ("Sponsor-Insured Bonds") or the issuers of the Bonds ("Pre-Insured Bonds") and issued by one of the insurance companies (the "Insurance Companies"), described under "Insurance on the Bonds" in Part B of this Prospectus, covering scheduled payment of principal thereof and interest thereon when such amounts shall become due for payment but shall not have been paid by the issuer or any other insurer thereof. The insurance, unless obtained by Municipal Bond Investors Assurance Corporation ("MBIA Corp."), will also cover any accelerated payments of principal and the increase in interest payments or premiums, if any, payable upon mandatory redemption of the Bonds if interest on any Bonds is ultimately deemed to be subject to regular federal income tax. Insurance obtained from MBIA Corp. only guarantees the accelerated payments required to be made by or on behalf of an issuer of small industrial revenue bonds and pollution control bonds if there is an event which results in the loss of tax-exempt status of the interest on such Bonds, including principal, interest or premium payments, if any, as and when required. To the extent, therefore, that Bonds are only covered by insurance obtained from MBIA Corp., such Bonds will not be covered for the accelerated payments required to be made by or on behalf of an issuer of other than small industrial revenue bonds or pollution control revenue bonds if there occurs an event which results in the loss of tax-exempt status of the interest on such Bonds. None of the insurance will cover accelerated payments of principal or penalty interest or premiums unrelated to taxability of interest on the Bonds (although the insurance, including insurance obtained by MBIA Corp., does guarantee payment of principal and interest in such amounts and at such times as such amounts would have been due absent such acceleration). The insurance relates only to the prompt payment of principal of and interest on the securities in the portfolio, and does not remove market risks or guarantee the market value of the Units in the Trust. The terms of the insurance are more fully described under "Insurance on the Bonds" in Part B of this Prospectus. For a discussion of the effect of an occurrence of nonpayment of principal or interest on any Bonds in the Trust, see "Portfolio Supervision" in Part B of this Prospectus. No representation is made herein as to any Bond insurer's ability to meet its obligations under a policy of insurance relating to any of the Bonds. In addition, investors should be aware that, subsequent to the Date of Deposit, the rating of the claims-paying ability of the insurer of an underlying Bond may be downgraded, which may result in a downgrading of the rating of the Units in the Trust. The approximate percentage of the aggregate principal amount of the portfolio that is insured by each Insurance Company is as follows: AMBAC Indemnity Corp. ("AMBAC"), 24.4%; Bond Investors Guaranty ("BIG"), 2.5%; Financial Guaranty Insurance Company ("Financial Guaranty"), 16.6%; and Municipal Bond Insurance Association ("MBIA"), 56.7%.

PUBLIC OFFERING PRICE. The secondary market Public Offering Price of each Unit is equal to the aggregate bid price of the Bonds in the Trust divided by the number of Units outstanding, plus a sales charge of 5.5% of the Public Offering Price, or 5.820% of the net amount invested in Bonds per Unit. In addition, accrued interest to the expected date of settlement, including earned original issue discount, is added to the Public Offering Price. If Units had been available for sale on the Evaluation Date, the Public Offering Price per Unit would have been $472.89 plus accrued interest of $7.91 under the monthly distribution plan, $10.86 under the semi-annual distribution plan and $10.82 under the annual distribution plan, for a total of $480.80, $483.75 and $483.71, respectively. The Public Offering Price per Unit can vary on a daily basis in accordance with fluctuations in the aggregate bid price of the Bonds. (See "Public Offering--Offering Price" in Part B of this Prospectus.)

ESTIMATED LONG TERM RETURN AND ESTIMATED CURRENT RETURN. The rate of return on an investment in Units of the Trust is measured in terms of "Estimated Current Return" and "Estimated Long Term Return".

Estimated Long Term Return is calculated by: (1) computing the yield to maturity or to an earlier call date (whichever results in a lower yield) for each Bond in the Trust's portfolio in accordance with accepted bond practices, which practices take into account not only the interest payable on the Bond but also the amortization of premiums or accretion of discounts, if any; (2) calculating the average of the yields for the Bonds in the Trust's portfolio by weighing each Bond's yield by the market value of the Bond and by the amount of time remaining to the date to which the Bond is priced (thus creating an average yield for the portfolio of the Trust); and (3) reducing the average yield for the portfolio of the Trust in order to reflect estimated fees and expenses of the Trust and the maximum sales charge paid by investors. The resulting Estimated Long Term Return represents a measure of the return to investors earned over the estimated life of the Trust. (For the Estimated Long Term Return to Certificateholders under the monthly, semi-annual and annual distribution plans, see "Summary of Essential Information".)

Estimated Current Return is a measure of the Trust's cash flow. Estimated Current Return is computed by dividing the Estimated Net Annual Interest Income per Unit by the Public Offering Price per Unit. In contrast to the Estimated Long Term Return, the Estimated Current Return does not take into account the amortization of premium or accretion of discount, if any, on the Bonds in the portfolio of the Trust. Moreover, because interest rates on Bonds purchased at a premium are generally higher than current interest rates on newly issued bonds of a similar type with comparable rating, the Estimated Current Return per Unit may be affected adversely if such Bonds are redeemed prior to their maturity.

The Estimated Net Annual Interest Income per Unit of the Trust will vary with changes in the fees and expenses of the Trustee and the Evaluator applicable to the Trust and with the redemption, maturity, sale or other disposition of the Bonds in the Trust. The Public Offering Price will vary with changes in the bid prices of the Bonds. Therefore, there is no assurance that the present Estimated Current Return or Estimated Long Term Return will be realized in the future. (For the Estimated Current Return to Certificateholders under the monthly, semi-annual and annual distribution plans, see "Summary of Essential Information". See "Estimated Long Term Return and Estimated Current Return" in Part B of this Prospectus.)

A schedule of cash flow projections is available from the Sponsor upon request.

DISTRIBUTIONS. Distributions of interest income, less expenses, will be made by the Trust either monthly, semi-annually or annually depending upon the plan of distribution applicable to the Unit purchased. A purchaser of a Unit in the secondary market will initially receive distributions in accordance with the distribution plan chosen by the prior owner of such Unit and may thereafter change the plan as provided under "Interest and Principal Distributions" in Part B of this Prospectus. Distributions of principal, if any, will be made semi-annually on June 15 and December 15 of each year. (See "Rights of Certificateholders--Interest and Principal Distributions" in Part B of this Prospectus. For estimated monthly, semi-annual and annual interest distributions, see "Summary of Essential Information.")

MARKET FOR UNITS. The Sponsor, although not obligated to do so, presently maintains and intends to continue to maintain a secondary market for the Units at prices based on the aggregate bid price of the Bonds in the Trust portfolio. The reoffer price will be based on the aggregate bid price of the Bonds plus a sales charge of 5.5% of the Public Offering Price (5.820% of the net amount invested), plus net accrued interest. If a market is not maintained a Certificateholder will be able to redeem his Units with the Trustee at a price also based on the aggregate bid price of the Bonds. (See "Liquidity--Sponsor Repurchase" and "Public Offering--Offering Price" in Part B of this Prospectus.)

TOTAL REINVESTMENT PLAN. Certificateholders under the semi-annual and annual plans of distribution have the opportunity to have all their regular interest distributions, and principal distributions, if any, reinvested in available series of "Insured Municipal Securities Trust" or "Municipal Securities Trust." (See "Total Reinvestment Plan" in Part B of this Prospectus. Residents of Texas see "Total Reinvestment Plan for Texas Residents" in Part B of this Prospectus.) The Plan is not designed to be a complete investment program.

INSURED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES TRUST
20TH DISCOUNT SERIES

SUMMARY OF ESSENTIAL INFORMATION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1993

Date of Deposit: May 29, 1986
Principal Amount of Bonds ...$6,040,000
Number of Units 12,447
Fractional Undivided Interest in Trust per Unit 1/12447
Principal Amount of Bonds per Unit $485.26
Secondary Market Public Offering Price**
  Aggregate Bid Price of Bonds in Trust ....$5,562,347+++
  Divided by 12,447 Units ...$446.88
  Plus Sales Charge of 5.5% of Public Offering Price $26.01
  Public Offering Price per Unit ....$472.89+
Redemption and Sponsor's Repurchase Price per Unit ....$446.88+ +++ ++++
Excess of Secondary Market Public Offering Price over Redemption and Sponsor's Repurchase Price per Unit ....$26.01++++
Difference between Public Offering Price per Unit and Principal Amount per Unit Premium/(Discount) ...$(12.37)
Evaluation Time: 4:00 p.m. New York Time.

Minimum Principal Distribution: $1.00 per Unit.
Weighted Average Life to Maturity: 12.6 Years.
Minimum Value of Trust: Trust may be terminated if value of Trust is less than $5,000,000 in principal amount of Bonds.
Mandatory Termination Date: The earlier of December 31, 2035 or the disposition of the last Bond in the Trust.
Trustee***: United States Trust Company of New York.
Trustee's Annual Fee: Monthly plan $1.02 per $1,000; semi-annual plan $.54 per $1,000; and annual plan is $.35 per $1,000.
Evaluator: Kenny S&P Evaluation Services.
Evaluator's Fee for Each Evaluation: Minimum of $12 plus $.25 per each issue of Bonds in excess of 50 issues (treating separate maturities as separate issues).
Sponsor: Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc.
Sponsor's Annual Fee: Maximum of $.15 per $1,000 principal amount of Bonds (see "Trust Expenses and Charges" in Part B of this Prospectus).

PER UNIT INFORMATION BASED UPON INTEREST DISTRIBUTION PLAN ELECTED

	Monthly Option	Semi-Annual Option	Annual Option
Gross annual interest income#	$38.74	$38.74	$38.74
Less estimated annual fees and expenses	1.21	.82	.71
Estimated net annual interest income (cash)#	$37.53	$37.92	$38.03
Estimated interest distribution#	3.12	18.96	38.03
Estimated daily interest accrual#	.1042	.1053	.1056
Estimated current return#++	7.94%	8.02%	8.04%
Estimated long term return++	3.19%	3.28%	3.30%
Record dates	1st of each month	Dec. 1 and June 1	Dec. 1

Interest distribution dates	15th of each month	Dec. 15 and June 15	Dec. 15

* The Date of Deposit is the date on which the Trust Agreement was signed and the deposit of the Bonds with the Trustee made.

** For information regarding offering price per Unit and applicable sales charge under the Total Reinvestment Plan, see "Total Reinvestment Plan" in Part B of this Prospectus.

*** The Trustee maintains its corporate trust office at 770 Broadway, New York, New York 10003 (tel. no. 1-800-428-8890). For information regarding redemption by the trustee, see "Trustee Redemption" in Part B of this Prospectus.

\+ Plus accrued interest to the expected date of settlement (approximately five business days after purchase) of $7.91 monthly, $10.86 semi-annually and $10.82 annually.

++ The estimated current return and estimated long term return are increased for transactions entitled to a discount (see "Employee Discounts" in Part B of this Prospectus), and are higher under the semi-annual and annual options due to lower Trustee's fees and expenses.

+++ Based solely upon the bid side evaluation of the underlying Bonds (including, where applicable, undistributed cash from the principal account). Upon tender for redemption, the price to be paid will be calculated as described under "Trustee Redemption" in Part B of this Prospectus.

++++ See "Comparison of Public Offering Price, Sponsor's Repurchase Price and Redemption Price" in Part B of this Prospectus.

\# Does not include income accrual from original issue discount bonds, if any.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE TRUST AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1993

DESCRIPTION OF PORTFOLIO*

The portfolio of the Trust consists of 23 issues representing obligations of issuers located in 12 states and the District of Columbia. The Sponsor has not participated as a sole underwriter or manager, co-manager or member of an underwriting syndicate from which any of the initial aggregate principal amount of the Bonds were acquired. Approximately 16.6% of the Bonds are obligations of state and local housing authorities; approximately 21.8% are hospital revenue bonds; approximately 5.5% were issued in connection with the financing of nuclear generating facilities; and none are "mortgage subsidy" bonds. All of the Bonds in the Trust are subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity dates pursuant to sinking fund or optional call provisions. The Bonds may also be subject to other calls, which may be permitted or required by events which cannot be predicted (such as destruction, condemnation, termination of a contract, or receipt of excess or unanticipated revenues). Three of the issues representing $935,000 of the principal amount of the Bonds are general obligation bonds. All 20 of the remaining issues representing $5,105,000 of the principal amount of the Bonds are payable from the income of a specific project or authority and are not supported by the issuer's power to levy taxes. The portfolio is divided for purpose of issue as follows: Coal Power 1, Federally Insured Mortgage 2, Hospital 5, Nuclear Power 2, Pollution Control 2, Sewage Disposal 1, Solid Waste 1, Water 2, and Water and Sewer 3. For an explanation of the significance of these factors see "The Trust--

Portfolio" in Part B of this Prospectus.

* Changes in the Trust Portfolio: From January 1, 1994 to March 24, 1994, the entire principal amount of the Bonds in portfolio no. 8 has been called for redemption pursuant to pre-refunding provisions and is no longer contained in the Trust. The entire principal amount of the Bonds in portfolio no. 23 has been called and is no longer contained in the Trust. 5 Units have been redeemed from the Trust.

As of December 31, 1993, $1,000,000 (approximately 16.6% of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds) were original issue discount bonds. Of these original issue discount bonds, $1,000,000 (approximately 16.6% of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds) were Zero Coupon Bonds. Zero Coupon Bonds do not provide for the payment of any current interest and provide for payment at maturity at par value unless sooner sold or redeemed. The market value of Zero Coupon Bonds is subject to greater fluctuations than coupon bonds in response to changes in interest rates. Approximately 4.6% of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds in the Trust were purchased at a "market" discount from par value at maturity, approximately 78.8% were purchased at a premium and none were purchased at par. For an explanation of the significance of these factors see "Discount and Zero Coupon Bonds" in Part B of this Prospectus.

None of the Bonds in the Trust are subject to the federal individual alternative minimum tax under the Tax Reform Act of 1986. See "Tax Status" in Part B of this Prospectus.

FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Selected data for each Unit outstanding for the periods listed below:

Period Ended	Units Outstanding	Net Asset Value Per Unit *	Distributions of Interest During the Period (per Unit) Monthly Option	Semi-Annual Option	Annual Option	Distributions of Principal During the Period (Per Unit)
December 31, 1991	12,500	$599.61	$46.92	$47.54	$47.73	-0-
December 31, 1992	12,500	545.79	46.92	47.54	47.73	$41.20
December 31, 1993	12,447	457.61	40.45	40.97	41.13	71.52

* Net Asset Value per Unit is calculated by dividing net assets as disclosed in the "Statement of Net Assets" by the number of Units outstanding as of the date of the Statement of Net Assets. See Note 5 of Notes to Financial Statements for a description of the components of Net Assets.

Independent Auditors' Report

The Sponsor, Trustee and Certificateholders
Insured Municipal Securities Trust, 20th Discount Series:

We have audited the accompanying statement of net assets, including the portfolio, of Insured Municipal Securities Trust, 20th Discount Series as of December 31, 1993, and the related statements of operations, and changes in net assets for each of the years in the three year period then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Trustee (see note 2). Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 1993, by correspondence with the Trustee. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Insured Municipal Securities Trust, 20th Discount Series as of December 31, 1993, and the results of its operations and the changes in its net assets for each of the years in the three year period then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

KPMG Peat Marwick

New York, New York
March 31, 1994

Statement of Net Assets

December 31, 1993

Investments in marketable securities, at market value (cost $5,696,339)	$ 5,562,336
Excess of other assets over total liabilities	133,481
Net assets 12,447 units of fractional undivided interest outstanding, $457.61 per unit)	$ 5,695,817

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statements of Operations

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	Years ended December 31,		
	1993	1992	1991
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Investment income - interest	$ 526,573	621,312	622,087
Expenses:			
Trustee's fees	10,341	11,935	10,461
Evaluator's fees	3,558	3,288	2,772
Sponsor's advisory fee	1,565	1,652	1,652
Total expenses	15,464	16,875	14,885

Investment income, net	511,109	604,437	607,202
Realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments:			
Net realized loss on bonds sold or called	(115,382)	(39,565)	-
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) for the year	(95,953)	(133,116)	154,245
Net gain (loss) on investments	(211,335)	(172,681)	154,245
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	$ 299,774	431,756	761,447

See accompanying notes to financial statements.
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Statements of Changes in Net Assets

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	Years ended December 31,		
	1993	1992	1991
<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>
Operations:			
Investment income, net	$ 511,109	604,437	607,202
Net realized loss on bonds sold or called	(115,382)	(39,565)	-
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) for the year	(95,953)	(133,116)	154,245
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	299,774	431,756	761,447
Distributions to Certificateholders:			
Investment income	507,565	589,540	589,694
Principal	892,699	515,000	-
Redemptions:			
Interest	620	-	-
Principal	25,441	-	-
Total distributions and redemptions	1,426,325	1,104,540	589,694
Total increase (decrease)	(1,126,551)	(672,784)	171,753
Net assets at beginning of year	6,822,368	7,495,152	7,323,399
Net assets at end of year (including undistributed net investment income of $154,628, $220,599 and $205,702 respectively)	$ 5,695,817	6,822,368	7,495,152

See accompanying notes to financial statements.
</TABLE>

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 1993, 1992 and 1991

(1) Organization

Insured Municipal Securities Trust, 20th Discount Series (Trust) was organized on May 29, 1986 by Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc. (Sponsor) under the laws of the State of New York by a Trust Indenture and Agreement, and is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

United States Trust Company of New York (Trustee) has custody of and responsibility for the accounting records and financial statements of the Trust and is responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal control related thereto.

The Trustee is also responsible for all estimates of expenses and accruals reflected in the Trust's financial statements. The accompanying financial statements have been adjusted to record the unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments and to record interest income and expenses on the accrual basis.

The discount on the zero-coupon bonds is accreted by the interest method over the respective lives of the bonds. The accretion of such discount is included in interest income; however, it is not distributed until realized in cash upon maturity or sale of the respective bonds.

Investments are carried at market value which is determined by either Standard & Poor's Corporation or Moody's Investors Service, Inc. (Evaluator) as discussed in Footnotes to Portfolio. The market value of the investments is based upon the bid prices for the bonds at the end of the period, except that the market value on the date of deposit represents the cost to the Trust based on the offering prices for investments at that date. The difference between cost (including accumulated accretion of original issue discount on zero-coupon bonds) and market value is reflected as unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments. Securities transactions are recorded on the trade date. Realized gains (losses) from securities transactions are determined on the basis of average cost of the securities sold or redeemed.

(3) Income Taxes

The Trust is not subject to Federal income taxes as provided for by the Internal Revenue Code.

(4) Trust Administration

The fees and expenses of the Trust are incurred and paid on the basis set forth under "Trust Expenses and Charges" in Part B of this Prospectus.

The Trust Indenture and Agreement provides for interest distributions as often as monthly (depending upon the distribution plan elected by the Certificateholders).

The Trust Indenture and Agreement further requires that principal received from the disposition of bonds, other than those bonds sold in connection with the redemption of units, be distributed to Certificateholders.

See "Financial and Statistical Information" in Part A of this Prospectus for the amounts of per unit distributions during the years ended December 31, 1993, 1992, and 1991.

The Trust Indenture and Agreement also requires the Trust to redeem units tendered. 53 units were redeemed by the Trust during the year ended December 31, 1993. No units were redeemed during the years ended December 31, 1992 and 1991.

(5)   Net Assets

At December 31, 1993, the net assets of the Trust represented the interest of Certificateholders as follows:

Original cost to Certificateholders	$ 7,687,523
Less initial gross underwriting commission	(422,750)
	7,264,773
Cost of securities sold or called	(1,589,592)
Net unrealized depreciation	(134,003)
Undistributed net investment income	154,628
Undistributed proceeds from bonds sold or called	11
Total	$ 5,695,817

The original cost to Certificateholders, less the initial gross underwriting commission, represents the aggregate initial public offering price net of the applicable sales charge on 12,500 units fractional undivided interest of the Trust as of the date of deposit.

Undistributed net investment income includes accumulated accretion of original issue discount of $21,158.

<TABLE>
INSURED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES TRUST, 20TH DISCOUNT SERIES

Portfolio
December 31, 1993

<CAPTION>

Port-folio No.	Aggregate Principal Amount	Name of Issuer and Title of Bonds	Ratings (1)	Coupon Rate/ Date(s) of Maturity(2)	Redemption Feature S.F.--Sinking Fund Ref.--Refunding(2)(7)	Market Value(3)
<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>
1	$ 200,000	City of Ft. Smith, Arkansas Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series (MBIA) (5)	AAA	9.750% 2/01/2015	2/01/06 @ 100 S.F. 2/01/95 @ 102.5 Ref.	$ 218,842
2	500,000	Hillsboro County, Florida Solid Waste and Resource Recovery Revenue Bonds, 1984 Series A (MBIA)	AAA	10.500 10/01/2008	10/01/03 @ 100 S.F. 10/01/94 @ 102 Ref.	536,845
3a	60,000	City of Niceville, Florida Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series (Financial Guaranty)	AAA	8.875 6/01/2010	No Sinking Fund 6/01/95 @ 103 Ref.	66,080
3b	40,000	City of Niceville, Florida Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series (Financial Guaranty)	AAA	8.875 6/01/2010	No Sinking Fund 6/01/95 @ 103 Ref.	44,312

		(5)				
4	60,000	Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia Power Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series K (AMBAC)	AAA	9.000 1/01/2020	1/01/08 @ 100 S.F. 1/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	64,345
5	500,000	Development Authority of Burke County (Georgia) Pollution Control Revenue Bonds, (Georgia Power Company Plant Vogtle Project) 1984 Series 2 (Financial Guaranty)	AAA	11.625 9/01/2014	No Sinking Fund 9/01/94 @ 102 Ref.	537,500
6	75,000	Northwest Suburban Municipal Joint Action Water Agency (Cook, Du Page and Kane Counties, Illinois) Water Supply System Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series (MBIA) (5)	AAA	9.875 5/01/2013	5/01/08 @ 100 S.F. 5/01/95 @ 101 Ref.	82,280
7	150,000	The Hospital Authority of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana Hospital Revenue Refunding Bonds (Ancilla Systems Incorported) 1985 Series A (BIG) (5)	AAA	9.125 7/01/2015	7/01/01 @ 100 S.F. 7/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	165,962
8	300,000	Jasper County Indiana Hospital Authority Hospital Facility Revenue Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center Project 1984 Series (MBIA) (5)	AAA	10.000 3/01/2009	3/01/07 @ 100 S.F. 3/01/94 @ 102 Ref.	309,795
9	30,000	City of Detroit, Michigan Sewage Disposal System Revenue Bonds, 1984 Series (AMBAC) (5)	AAA	10.625% 12/15/2009	12/15/95 @ 100 S.F. 12/15/94 @ 103 Ref.	32,976
10	500,000	See County of Monroe, Michigan Pollution Control Revenue Bonds (Detroit Edison Company Project) 1985 Series A(AMBAC)	AAA	9.625 12/01/2015	12/01/96 @ 100 S.F. 12/01/95 @ 103 Ref.	569,925
11	500,000	City of Albuquerque, New Mexico Hospital System Revenue Refunding Bonds Southwest Community Health Service Project 1985 Series B (MBIA)	AAA	9.250 8/01/2012	8/01/05 @ 100 S.F. 8/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	553,565

12	275,000	North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency Power System Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series E (AMBAC)	AAA	6.500 1/01/2024	7/01/21 @ 100 S.F. 1/01/95 @ 100 Ref.	282,381
13	250,000	Lycoming County, Pennsylvania Hospital Authority, Hospital Lease Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series (Williamsport Hospital Project) (AMBAC) (5)	AAA	9.375 11/01/2015	11/01/01 @ 100 S.F. 11/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	282,358
14	100,000	Rhode Island Health and Educational Building Corporation Hospital Financing Revenue Bonds The Memorial Hospital Issue 1985 Series (MBIA) (5)	AAA	9.375 7/01/2012	7/01/08 @ 100 S.F. 7/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	111,006
15	400,000	City of Beaumont, Texas Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, 1985 Series (Financial Guaranty) (5)	AAA	9.000 9/01/2005	9/01/02 @ 100 S.F. 9/01/95 @ 100 Ref.	437,536
16	250,000	Galveston County (Texas) Water Authority Water Systems Contract Revenue Refunding Bonds-Mainland Project 1985 Series (AMBAC) (5)	AAA	8.875 7/10/2005	7/10/01 @ 100 S.F. 7/10/96 @ 100 Ref.	282,458
17	115,000	Henderson County, Texas Hospital Authority East Regional Health Facility Project 1984 Series (MBIA) (5)	AAA	10.250 9/01/2014	9/01/05 @ 100 S.F. 9/01/94 @ 102 Ref.	122,570
18	100,000	Park Ten (Texas) Municipal Utility District, Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, 1983 Series (MBIA) (5)	AAA	9.800% 3/01/2002	No Sinking Fund 3/01/95 @ 100 Ref.	107,526
19	250,000	Pecan Grove Municipal Utility District (A Political Subdivision Located in Fort Bend County, Texas) Unlimited Tax Bonds, 1985 Series (MBIA) See	AAA	8.700 9/01/2002	No Sinking Fund 9/01/99 @ 100 Ref.	300,718
20	285,000	City of Waxahachie, Texas (Ellis County) General Obligation Bonds, 1985 Series (MBIA) (5)	AAA	9.600 2/01/2001	No Sinking Fund 2/01/95 @ 100 Ref.	304,349

21	100,000	Intermountain Power Agency (A Political Subdivision of the State of Utah) Power Supply Revenue Refunding Bonds, 1985 Series A (AMBAC) (5)	AAA	9.625 7/01/2008	7/01/06 @ 100 S.F. 7/01/95 @ 102.5 Ref.	111,847
22	500,000	The District of Columbia Multi-Unit Housing Finance Corporation Mortgage Revenue Bonds, 1983 Series (FHA Insured Mortgage Loan-Congress Park II Apartments Section 8 Assisted Project) (MBIA)	AAA	0.000 11/01/2025	5/01/05 @ 11.975 S.F. 11/01/98 @ 6.415 Ref.	20,115
23	500,000	Anne Arundel County, Maryland Economic Development Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series (FHA Insured Mortgage Loan-The Regency Club II Facility) (MBIA)	AAA	0.000 6/01/2027	6/01/21 @ 54.504 S.F. 1/06/94 @ 3.409 Ref.	17,045
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See accompanying footnotes to portfolio and notes to financial statements.
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Footnotes to Portfolio

December 31, 1993

(1) All ratings are by Standard & Poor's Corporation. A brief description of the ratings symbols and their meanings is set forth under "Description of Bond Ratings" in Part B of this Prospectus.

(2) See "The Trust - Portfolio" in Part B of this Prospectus for an explanation of redemption features. See "Tax Status" in Part B of this Prospectus for a statement of the Federal tax consequences to a Certificateholder upon the sale, redemption or maturity of a bond.

(3) At December 31, 1993, the net unrealized depreciation of all the bonds was comprised of the following:

Gross unrealized appreciation	$ 97,471
Gross unrealized depreciation	(231,474)
Net unrealized depreciation	$ (134,003)

(4) The annual interest income, based upon bonds held at December 31, 1993, (excluding accretion of original issue discount on zero-coupon bonds) to the Trust is $482,253.

(5) The bonds have been prerefunded and will be redeemed at the next refunding call date.

(6) Bonds sold or called after December 31, 1993 are noted in a footnote "Changes in Trust Portfolio" under "Description of Portfolio" in Part A of this Prospectus.

(7) The Bonds may also be subject to other calls, which may be permitted or required by events which cannot be predicted (such as destruction,

condemnation, termination of a contract, or receipt of excess or unanticipated revenues).

NOTE: Part A of This Prospectus May Not Be Distributed Unless Accompanied by Part B.

INSURED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES TRUST

21ST DISCOUNT SERIES
(MULTIPLIER PORTFOLIO)

The Trust is a unit investment trust designated 21st Discount Series ("Insured Municipal Discount Trust") with an underlying portfolio of long-term insured tax-exempt bonds issued by or on behalf of states, municipalities and public authorities and was formed to preserve capital and to provide interest income (including, where applicable, earned original issue discount) which, in the opinions of bond counsel to the respective issuers, is, with certain exceptions, currently exempt from regular federal income tax under existing law but may be subject to state and local taxes. Capital gains are subject to tax. (See "Tax Status" and "The Trust--Portfolio" in Part B of this Prospectus.) The Sponsor is Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc. The value of the Units of the Trust will fluctuate with the value of the underlying bonds. Minimum purchase: 1 Unit.

This Prospectus consists of two parts. Part A contains the Summary of Essential Information as of December 31, 1993 (the "Evaluation Date"), a summary of certain specific information regarding the Trust and audited financial statements of the Trust, including the related portfolio, as of the Evaluation Date. Part B of this Prospectus contains a general summary of the Trust.

Investors should retain both parts of this Prospectus for future reference.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION NOR HAS THE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

Prospectus Part A Dated April 29, 1994

THE TRUST. The Trust is a unit investment trust formed to preserve capital and to provide interest income (including, where applicable, earned original issue discount) which, in the opinions of bond counsel to the respective issuers, is, with certain exceptions, currently exempt from regular federal income tax under existing law through investment in a fixed, diversified portfolio of long-term insured bonds (the "Bonds") issued by or on behalf of states, municipalities and public authorities which, because of irrevocable insurance, are rated "AAA" by Standard & Poor's Corporation. Although the Supreme Court has determined that

Congress has the authority to subject interest on bonds such as the Bonds in the Trust to regular federal income taxation, existing law excludes such interest from regular federal income tax. Such interest income may, however, be subject to the federal corporate alternative minimum tax and to state and local taxes. (See "Tax Status" in Part B of this Prospectus.) For a list of ratings on the Evaluation Date, see "Portfolio." The Bonds were acquired at prices which resulted in the portfolio as a whole being purchased at a deep discount from par value. The portfolio may also include bonds issued at an original issue discount. Additionally, some of the Bonds in the portfolio may be "Zero Coupon Bonds," which are original issue discount bonds that provide for payment at maturity at par value, but do not provide for the payment of any current interest. Some of the Bonds in the Trust have been issued with optional refunding or refinancing provisions ("Refunded Bonds") whereby the issuer of the Bond has the right to call such Bond prior to its stated maturity date (and other than pursuant to sinking fund provisions) and to issue new bonds ("Refunding Bonds") in order to finance the redemption. Issuers typically utilize refunding calls in order to take advantage of lower interest rates in the marketplace. Some of these Refunded Bonds may be called for redemption pursuant to pre-refunding provisions ("Pre-Refunded Bonds") whereby the proceeds from the issue of the Refunding Bonds are typically invested in government securities in escrow for the benefit of the holders of the Pre-Refunded Bonds until the refunding call date. Usually, Pre-Refunded Bonds will bear a triple-A rating because of this escrow. The issuers of Pre-Refunded Bonds must call such Bonds on their refunding call date. Therefore, as of such date, the Trust will receive the call price for such bonds but will cease receiving interest income with respect to them. For a list of those Bonds which are Pre-Refunded Bonds, if any, as of the Evaluation Date, see "Notes to Financial Statements" in this Part A. Some of the Bonds in the portfolio may have been purchased at an aggregate premium over par. All of the Bonds in the Trust were rated "AAA" by Standard & Poor's Corporation at the time originally deposited in the Trust. This rating results from insurance relating only to the Bonds in the Trust and not to the Units of the Trust. The insurance does not remove market risk, as it does not guarantee the market value of the Units. For a discussion of the significance of such ratings, see "Description of Bond Ratings" in Part B of this Prospectus, and for a list of ratings on the Evaluation Date see the "Portfolio." The payment of interest and preservation of capital are, of course, dependent upon the continuing ability of issuers of the Bonds or the insurers thereof to meet their obligations. There can be no assurance that the Trust's investment objectives will be achieved. Investment in the Trust should be made with an understanding of the risks which an investment in long-term fixed rate debt obligations may entail, including the risk that the value of the underlying portfolio will decline with increases in interest rates, and that the value of Zero Coupon Bonds is subject to greater fluctuation than coupon bonds in response to changes in interest rates. Each Unit in the Trust represents a 1/11000th undivided interest in the principal and net income of the Trust. The principal amount of Bonds deposited in the Trust per Unit is reflected in the Summary of Essential Information. (See "Organization" in Part B of this Prospectus.) The Units being offered hereby are issued and outstanding Units which have been purchased by the Sponsor in the secondary market.

INSURANCE. Each of the Bonds in the Trust is insured by a municipal bond guaranty insurance policy obtained by either the Sponsor ("Sponsor-Insured Bonds") or the issuers of the Bonds ("Pre-Insured Bonds") and issued by one of the insurance companies (the "Insurance Companies"), described under "Insurance on the Bonds" in Part B of this Prospectus, covering scheduled payment of principal thereof and interest thereon when such amounts shall become due for payment but shall not have been paid by the issuer or any other insurer thereof. The insurance, unless obtained by Municipal Bond Investors Assurance Corporation ("MBIA Corp."), will also cover any accelerated payments of principal and the increase in interest payments or premiums, if any, payable upon mandatory redemption of the Bonds if interest on any Bonds is ultimately deemed to be subject to regular federal income tax. Insurance obtained from MBIA Corp. only guarantees the accelerated payments required to be made by or on behalf of an issuer of small industrial revenue bonds and pollution control bonds if there is an event which results in the loss of tax-exempt status of the interest on such Bonds, including principal, interest or premium payments, if any, as and when required. To the extent, therefore, that Bonds are only covered by insurance obtained from MBIA Corp., such Bonds will not be covered for the accelerated payments required to be made by or on behalf of an issuer of other than small industrial revenue bonds or pollution control revenue bonds if there occurs an event which results in the loss of tax-exempt status of the interest on such Bonds. None of the insurance will cover accelerated payments of principal or penalty interest or premiums unrelated to taxability of interest on the Bonds (although the insurance, including insurance obtained by MBIA Corp., does guarantee payment of principal and interest in such amounts and at such times as such amounts would have been due absent such acceleration). The insurance relates only to the prompt payment of principal of and interest on the securities in the portfolio, and does not remove market risks or guarantee the market value of the Units in the Trust. The terms of the insurance are more fully described under "Insurance on the Bonds" in Part B of this Prospectus. For a discussion of the effect of an occurrence of nonpayment of principal or interest on any Bonds in the Trust, see "Portfolio Supervision" in Part B of this Prospectus. No representation is made herein as to any Bond insurer's ability to meet its obligations under a policy of insurance relating to any of the Bonds. In addition, investors should be aware that, subsequent to the Date of Deposit, the rating of the claims-paying ability of the insurer of an underlying Bond may be downgraded, which may result in a downgrading of the rating of the Units in the Trust. The approximate percentage of the aggregate principal amount of the portfolio that is insured by each Insurance Company is as follows: AMBAC Indemnity Corp. ("AMBAC"), 15.2%; Bond Investors Guaranty ("BIG"), 8.5%; Financial Guaranty Insurance Company ("Financial Guaranty"), 21.2%; and Municipal Bond Insurance Association ("MBIA"), 55.2%.

PUBLIC OFFERING PRICE. The secondary market Public Offering Price of each Unit is equal to the aggregate bid price of the Bonds in the Trust divided by the number of Units outstanding, plus a sales charge of 5.5% of the Public Offering Price, or 5.820% of the net amount invested in Bonds per Unit. In addition, accrued interest to the expected date of settlement, including earned original issue discount, is added to the Public Offering Price. If Units had been available for sale on the Evaluation Date, the Public Offering Price per Unit would have been $570.94 plus accrued interest of $7.88 under the monthly distribution plan, $11.20 under the semi-annual distribution plan and $11.23 under the annual distribution plan, for a total of $578.82, $582.14 and $582.17, respectively. The Public Offering Price per Unit can vary on a daily basis in accordance with fluctuations in the aggregate bid price of the Bonds. (See "Public Offering--Offering Price" in Part B of this Prospectus.)

ESTIMATED LONG TERM RETURN AND ESTIMATED CURRENT RETURN. The rate of return on an investment in Units of the Trust is measured in terms of "Estimated Current Return" and "Estimated Long Term Return".

Estimated Long Term Return is calculated by: (1) computing the yield to maturity or to an earlier call date (whichever results in a lower yield) for each Bond in the Trust's portfolio in accordance with accepted bond practices, which practices take into account not only the interest payable on the Bond but also the amortization of premiums or accretion of discounts, if any; (2) calculating the average of the yields for the Bonds in the Trust's portfolio by weighing each Bond's yield by the market value of the Bond and by the amount of time remaining to the date to which the Bond is priced (thus creating an average yield for the portfolio of the Trust); and (3) reducing the average yield for the portfolio of the Trust in order to reflect estimated fees and expenses of the Trust and the maximum sales charge paid by investors. The resulting Estimated Long Term Return represents a measure of the return to investors earned over the estimated life of the Trust. (For the Estimated Long Term Return to Certificateholders under the monthly, semi-annual and annual distribution plans, see "Summary of Essential Information".)

Estimated Current Return is a measure of the Trust's cash flow. Estimated Current Return is computed by dividing the Estimated Net Annual Interest Income per Unit by the Public Offering Price per Unit. In contrast to the Estimated Long Term Return, the Estimated Current Return does not take into account the amortization of premium or accretion of discount, if any, on the Bonds in the portfolio of the Trust. Moreover, because interest rates on Bonds purchased at a premium are generally higher than current interest rates on newly issued bonds of a similar type with comparable rating, the Estimated Current Return per Unit may be affected adversely if such Bonds are redeemed prior to their maturity.

The Estimated Net Annual Interest Income per Unit of the Trust will vary with changes in the fees and expenses of the Trustee and the Evaluator applicable to the Trust and with the redemption, maturity, sale or other disposition of the Bonds in the Trust. The Public Offering Price will vary with changes in the bid prices of the Bonds. Therefore, there is no assurance that the present Estimated Current Return or Estimated Long Term Return will be realized in the future. (For the Estimated Current Return to Certificateholders under the monthly, semi-annual and annual distribution plans, see "Summary of Essential Information". See "Estimated Long Term Return and Estimated Current Return" in Part B of this Prospectus.)

A schedule of cash flow projections is available from the Sponsor upon request.

DISTRIBUTIONS. Distributions of interest income, less expenses, will be made by the Trust either monthly, semi-annually or annually depending upon the plan of distribution applicable to the Unit purchased. A purchaser of a Unit in the secondary market will initially receive distributions in accordance with the distribution plan chosen by the prior owner of such Unit and may thereafter change the plan as provided under "Interest and Principal Distributions" in Part B of this Prospectus. Distributions of principal, if any, will be made semi-annually on June 15 and December 15 of each year. (See "Rights of Certificateholders--Interest and Principal Distributions" in Part B of this Prospectus. For estimated monthly, semi-annual and annual interest distributions, see "Summary of Essential Information.")

MARKET FOR UNITS. The Sponsor, although not obligated to do so, presently maintains and intends to continue to maintain a secondary market for the Units at prices based on the aggregate bid price of the Bonds in the Trust portfolio. The reoffer price will be based on the aggregate bid price of the Bonds plus a sales charge of 5.5% of the Public Offering Price (5.820% of the net amount invested), plus net accrued interest. If a market is not maintained a Certificateholder will be able to redeem his Units with the Trustee at a price also based on the aggregate bid price of the Bonds. (See "Liquidity--Sponsor Repurchase" and "Public Offering--Offering Price" in Part B of this Prospectus.)

TOTAL REINVESTMENT PLAN. Certificateholders under the semi-annual and annual plans of distribution have the opportunity to have all their regular interest distributions, and principal distributions, if any, reinvested in available series of "Insured Municipal Securities Trust" or "Municipal Securities Trust." (See "Total Reinvestment Plan" in Part B of this Prospectus. Residents of Texas see "Total Reinvestment Plan for Texas Residents" in Part B of this Prospectus.) The Plan is not designed to be a complete investment program.

INSURED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES TRUST
21ST DISCOUNT SERIES

SUMMARY OF ESSENTIAL INFORMATION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1993

Date of Deposit: June 25, 1986
Principal Amount of Bonds ...$8,955,000
Number of Units 11,000
Fractional Undivided Interest in Trust per Unit 1/11000
Principal Amount of Bonds per Unit $814.09

Minimum Principal Distribution: $1.00 per Unit.
Weighted Average Life to Maturity: 20.2 Years.
Minimum Value of Trust: Trust may be terminated if

Secondary Market Public
Offering Price**
Aggregate Bid Price
of Bonds in Trust ....$5,934,968+++
Divided by 11,000 Units ...$539.54
Plus Sales Charge of 5.5%
of Public Offering Price $31.40
Public Offering Price
per Unit ....$570.94+
Redemption and Sponsor's
Repurchase Price
per Unit ....$539.54+
+++
++++
Excess of Secondary Market
Public Offering Price
over Redemption and
Sponsor's Repurchase
Price per Unit ....$31.40++++
Difference between Public
Offering Price per Unit
and Principal Amount per
Unit Premium/(Discount) ...$(243.15)
Evaluation Time: 4:00 p.m.
New York Time.

value of Trust is less than $4,400,000 in principal amount of Bonds.

Mandatory Termination Date: The earlier of December 31, 2035 or the disposition of the last Bond in the Trust.

Trustee***: United States Trust Company of New York.

Trustee's Annual Fee: Monthly plan $1.02 per $1,000; semi-annual plan $.54 per $1,000; and annual plan is $.35 per $1,000.

Evaluator: Kenny S&P Evaluation Services.

Evaluator's Fee for Each Evaluation: Minimum of $12 plus $.25 per each issue of Bonds in excess of 50 issues (treating separate maturities as separate issues).

Sponsor: Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc.

Sponsor's Annual Fee: Maximum of $.15 per $1,000 principal amount of Bonds (see "Trust Expenses and Charges" in Part B of this Prospectus).

PER UNIT INFORMATION BASED UPON INTEREST DISTRIBUTION PLAN ELECTED

	Monthly Option	Semi-Annual Option	Annual Option
Gross annual interest income#	$45.18	$45.18	$45.18
Less estimated annual fees and expenses	1.60	1.06	.88
Estimated net annual interest income (cash)#	$43.58	$44.12	$44.30
Estimated interest distribution#	3.63	22.06	44.30
Estimated daily interest accrual#	.1210	.1225	.1230
Estimated current return#++	7.63%	7.73%	7.76%
Estimated long term return++	3.77%	3.86%	3.89%
Record dates	1st of each month	Dec. 1 and June 1	Dec. 1
Interest distribution dates	15th of each month	Dec. 15 and June 15	Dec. 15

* The Date of Deposit is the date on which the Trust Agreement was signed and the deposit of the Bonds with the Trustee made.

** For information regarding offering price per Unit and applicable sales charge under the Total Reinvestment Plan, see "Total Reinvestment Plan" in Part B of this Prospectus.

*** The Trustee maintains its corporate trust office at 770 Broadway, New York, New York 10003 (tel. no. 1-800-428-8890). For information regarding redemption by the trustee, see "Trustee Redemption" in Part B of this Prospectus.

\+ Plus accrued interest to the expected date of settlement (approximately five business days after purchase) of $7.88 monthly, $11.20 semi-annually and $11.23 annually.

++ The estimated current return and estimated long term return are increased for transactions entitled to a discount (see "Employee

Discounts" in Part B of this Prospectus), and are higher under the semi-annual and annual options due to lower Trustee's fees and expenses.

+++ Based solely upon the bid side evaluation of the underlying Bonds (including, where applicable, undistributed cash from the principal account). Upon tender for redemption, the price to be paid will be calculated as described under "Trustee Redemption" in Part B of this Prospectus.

++++ See "Comparison of Public Offering Price, Sponsor's Repurchase Price and Redemption Price" in Part B of this Prospectus.

\# Does not include income accrual from original issue discount bonds, if any.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE TRUST AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1993

DESCRIPTION OF PORTFOLIO

The portfolio of the Trust consists of 30 issues representing obligations of issuers located in 12 states and the District of Columbia. The Sponsor has not participated as a sole underwriter or manager, co-manager or member of an underwriting syndicate from which any of the initial aggregate principal amount of the Bonds were acquired. Approximately 47.3% of the Bonds are obligations of state and local housing authorities; approximately 5.6% are hospital revenue bonds; approximately 7.3% were issued in connection with the financing of nuclear generating facilities; and none are "mortgage subsidy" bonds. All of the Bonds in the Trust are subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity dates pursuant to sinking fund or optional call provisions. The Bonds may also be subject to other calls, which may be permitted or required by events which cannot be predicted (such as destruction, condemnation, termination of a contract, or receipt of excess or unanticipated revenues). Four of the issues representing $685,000 of the principal amount of the Bonds are general obligation bonds. All 26 of the remaining issues representing $8,270,000 of the principal amount of the Bonds are payable from the income of a specific project or authority and are not supported by the issuer's power to levy taxes. The portfolio is divided for purpose of issue as follows: Coal Power 1, Electric and Gas 1, Federally Insured Mortgage 2, Hospital 6, Insured Multi-Family Housing 1, Natural Resource 1, Nuclear Power 3, Pollution Control 3, Sewer Systems 1, University Facility 1, Utility 1, Waste Water 1 and Water 3. For an explanation of the significance of these factors see "The Trust--Portfolio" in Part B of this Prospectus.

As of December 31, 1993, $3,915,000 (approximately 35.7% of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds) were original issue discount bonds. Of these original issue discount bonds, $3,915,000 (approximately 35.7% of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds) were Zero Coupon Bonds. Zero Coupon Bonds do not provide for the payment of any current interest and provide for payment at maturity at par value unless sooner sold or redeemed. The market value of Zero Coupon Bonds is subject to greater fluctuations than coupon bonds in response to changes in interest rates. None of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds in the Trust were purchased at a "market" discount from par value at maturity, approximately 64.3% were purchased at a premium and none were purchased at par. For an explanation of the significance of these factors see "Discount and Zero Coupon Bonds" in Part B of this Prospectus.

None of the Bonds in the Trust are subject to the federal individual alternative minimum tax under the Tax Reform Act of 1986. See "Tax Status" in Part B of this Prospectus.

FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Selected data for each Unit outstanding for the periods listed below:

Period Ended	Units Outstanding	Net Asset Value Per Unit *	Distributions of Interest During the Period (per Unit) Monthly Option	Semi-Annual Option	Annual Option	Distributions of Principal During the Period (Per Unit)
December 31, 1991	11,000	$611.75	$46.80	$47.44	$47.62	-0-
December 31, 1992	11,000	603.16	46.80	47.40	47.59	-0-
December 31, 1993	11,000	550.65	46.14	46.74	46.93	$37.24

* Net Asset Value per Unit is calculated by dividing net assets as disclosed in the "Statement of Net Assets" by the number of Units outstanding as of the date of the Statement of Net Assets. See Note 5 of Notes to Financial Statements for a description of the components of Net Assets.

Independent Auditors' Report

The Sponsor, Trustee and Certificateholders
Insured Municipal Securities Trust, 21st Discount Series:

We have audited the accompanying statement of net assets, including the portfolio, of Insured Municipal Securities Trust, 21st Discount Series as of December 31, 1993, and the related statements of operations, and changes in net assets for each of the years in the three year period then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Trustee (see note 2). Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 1993, by correspondence with the Trustee. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Insured Municipal Securities Trust, 21st Discount Series as of December 31, 1993, and the results of its operations and the changes in its net assets for each of the years in the three year period then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

KPMG Peat Marwick

New York, New York
March 31, 1994

Statement of Net Assets

December 31, 1993

Investments in marketable securities, at market value (cost $5,985,116)	$ 5,934,923
Excess of other assets over total liabilities	122,245
Net assets 11,000 units of fractional undivided interest outstanding, $550.65 per unit)	$ 6,057,168

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statements of Operations

<CAPTION>

<S>	Years ended December 31, 1993 <C>	1992 <C>	1991 <C>
Investment income - interest	$ 538,264	552,469	549,356
Expenses:			
Trustee's fees	10,804	10,559	10,026
Evaluator's fees	3,558	3,288	2,772
Sponsor's advisory fee	1,433	1,433	1,433
Total expenses	15,795	15,280	14,231
Investment income, net	522,469	537,189	535,125
Realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments:			
Realized loss on bonds sold or called	(53,134)	-	-
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) for the year	(126,984)	(114,131)	146,440
Net gain (loss) on investments	(180,118)	(114,131)	146,440
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	$ 342,351	423,058	681,565

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statements of Changes in Net Assets

<CAPTION>

<S>		Years ended December 31, 1993 <C>	1992 <C>	1991 <C>
Operations:				
Investment income, net	$	522,469	537,189	535,125
Realized loss on bonds sold or called		(53,134)	-	-
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) for the year		(126,984)	(114,131)	146,440
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations		342,351	423,058	681,565
Distributions to Certificateholders:				
Investment income		510,284	517,539	517,517
Principal		409,641	-	-
Total distributions		919,925	517,539	517,517
Total increase (decrease)		(577,574)	(94,481)	164,048
Net assets at beginning of year		6,634,742	6,729,223	6,565,175
Net assets at end of year (including undistributed net investment income of $198,183, $212,873 and $193,223 respectively)	$	6,057,168	6,634,742	6,729,223

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 1993, 1992 and 1991

(1) Organization

Insured Municipal Securities Trust, 21st Discount Series (Trust) was organized on June 25, 1986 by Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc. (Sponsor) under the laws of the State of New York by a Trust Indenture and Agreement, and is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

United States Trust Company of New York (Trustee) has custody of and responsibility for the accounting records and financial statements of the Trust and is responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal control related thereto.

The Trustee is also responsible for all estimates of expenses and accruals reflected in the Trust's financial statements. The accompanying financial statements have been adjusted to record the unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments and to record interest income and expenses on the accrual basis.

The discount on the zero-coupon bonds is accreted by the interest method over the respective lives of the bonds. The accretion of such discount is included in interest income; however, it is not distributed until realized in cash upon maturity or sale of the respective bonds.

Investments are carried at market value which is determined by either Standard & Poor's Corporation or Moody's Investors Service, Inc. (Evaluator) as discussed in Footnotes to Portfolio. The market value of the investments is based upon the bid prices for the bonds at the end of the year, except that the market value on the date of deposit represents the cost to the Trust based on the offering prices for investments at that date. The difference between cost (including accumulated accretion of original issue discount on zero-coupon bonds) and market value is reflected as unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments. Securities transactions are recorded on the trade date. Realized gains (losses) from securities transactions are determined on the basis of average cost of the securities sold or redeemed.

(3) Income Taxes

The Trust is not subject to Federal income taxes as provided for by the Internal Revenue Code.

(4) Trust Administration

The fees and expenses of the Trust are incurred and paid on the basis set forth under "Trust Expenses and Charges" in Part B of this Prospectus.

The Trust Indenture and Agreement provides for interest distributions as often as monthly (depending upon the distribution plan elected by the Certificateholders).

The Trust Indenture and Agreement further requires that principal received from the disposition of bonds, other than those bonds sold in connection with the redemption of units, be distributed to Certificateholders.

See "Financial and Statistical Information" in Part A of this Prospectus for the amounts of per unit distributions during the years ended December 31, 1993, 1992, and 1991.

The Trust Indenture and Agreement also requires the Trust to redeem units tendered. No units have been redeemed since the inception of the Trust.

(5) Net Assets

At December 31, 1993, the net assets of the Trust represented the interest of Certificateholders as follows:

Original cost to Certificateholders	$ 6,744,197
Less initial gross underwriting commission	(370,920)
	6,373,277
Cost of securities sold or called	(464,144)
Net unrealized depreciation	(50,193)
Undistributed net investment income	198,183
Undistributed proceeds from bonds sold or called	45
Total	$ 6,057,168

The original cost to Certificateholders, less the initial gross underwriting commission, represents the aggregate initial public offering price net of the applicable sales charge on 11,000 units of fractional undivided interest of the Trust as of the date of deposit.

Undistributed net investment income includes accumulated accretion of original issue discount of $75,983.

See accompanying footnotes to portfolio and notes to financial statements.

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INSURED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES TRUST, 21ST DISCOUNT SERIES

Portfolio
December 31, 1993
<CAPTION>

Portfolio No.	Aggregate Principal Amount	Name of Issuer and Title of Bonds	Ratings (1)	Coupon Rate/ Date(s) of Maturity(2)	Redemption Feature S.F.--Sinking Fund Ref.-Refunding (2)(7)	Market Value(3)
<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>
1	$ 300,000	Department of Natural Resources of Florida Save Our Coast Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series (MBIA) (5)	AAA	8.875% 7/01/2004	No Sinking Fund 7/01/96 @ 102 Ref.	$ 344,796
2	80,000	Jacksonville (Florida) Health Facilities Authority Hospital Revenue Refunding Bonds (Baptist Medical Center Project) 1985 Series (MBIA) (5)	AAA	8.750 6/01/2005	6/01/01 @ 100 S.F. 6/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	87,722
3	55,000	City of Orlando, Florida Waste Water System Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series A (AMBAC) (5)	AAA	8.875 10/01/2014	10/01/01 @ 100 S.F. 10/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	61,287
4	50,000	City of Punta Gorda, Florida Refunding and Improvement Utility Revenue Bonds, 1984 Series (AMBAC) (5)	AAA	10.500 1/01/2014	7/01/03 @ 100 S.F. 1/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	55,614
5	50,000	West Coast Regional Water Supply Authority, Florida Refunding Revenue Bonds Hillsboro Company Project 1985 Series (AMBAC) (5)	AAA	9.250 10/01/2013	4/01/07 @ 100 S.F. 10/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	56,124
6	250,000	Development Authority of Burke County (Georgia) Pollution Control Revenue Bonds, (Georgia Power Company Plant Vogtle	AAA	11.625 9/01/2014	No Sinking Fund 9/01/94 @ 102 Ref.	268,750

		Project) 1984 Series 2 (Financial Guaranty)				
7	300,000	Development Authority of Burke County (Georgia) Pollution Control Revenue Bonds (Georgia Power Company Plant Vogtle Project) 1985 Series1 (Financial Guaranty)	AAA	10.125 6/01/2015	No Sinking Fund 6/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	332,763
8	85,000	Department of Budget and Finance of the State of Hawaii Special Purpose Revenue Bonds, (The Queen's Medical Center Project)Refunding 1985 Series A (Financial Guaranty) (5)	AAA	9.250% 7/01/2012	7/01/04 @ 100 S.F. 7/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	94,200
9	250,000	City of Berwyn (Cook County, Illinois) Corporate Purpose Bonds, 1985 Series A (BIG)	AAA	9.200 12/01/2010	12/01/05 @ 100 S.F. 12/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	280,395
10	200,000	Chicago (Illinois) School Finance Authority General Obligation School Assistance Bonds, 1984 Series E (1984) (MBIA) (5)	AAA	10.500 6/01/2009	6/01/05 @ 100 S.F. 6/01/94 @ 103 Ref.	212,730
11	85,000	Village of Palantine, Illinois Corporate Purpose Bonds, 1985 Series Unlimited Tax (MBIA)	AAA	9.500 1/01/2011	1/01/06 @ 100 S.F. 1/01/00 @ 102 Ref.	107,526
12	100,000	Northwest Suburban Municipal Joint Action Water Agency (Cook, DuPage and Kane Counties, Illinois) Water Supply System Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series (MBIA) (5)	AAA	9.625 5/01/2005	5/01/02 @ 100 S.F. 5/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	110,341
13	150,000	City of Rosemont, Illinois Tax Increment Bonds, Project #2, 1985 Series C (BIG)	AAA	8.800 1/01/2002	No Sinking Fund 1/01/96 @ 102 Ref.	167,173
14	200,000	City of Rockport, Indiana Pollution Control Revenue Bonds, (Indiana and Michigan Electric	AAA	9.250 8/01/2014	No Sinking Fund 8/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	221,160

		Company Project) 1985 Series A (BIG)				
15	300,000	City of Rockport, Indiana Pollution Control Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series A for AEP Generating Company (Financial Guaranty)	AAA	9.375 9/01/2014	No Sinking Fund 9/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	333,621
16	520,000	Michigan State Housing Development Authority Multi-Family Insured Housing Bonds 1985 Series A (Financial Guaranty)	AAA	8.875 7/01/2017	1/01/04 @ 100 S.F. 7/01/95 @ 103 Ref.	557,669
17	500,000	County of Monroe, Michigan Pollution Control Revenue Bonds, (Detroit Edison Company Project) 1985 Series A (AMBAC)	AAA	9.625 12/01/2015	12/01/96 @ 100 S.F. 12/01/95 @ 103 Ref.	569,925
18	160,000	Montana Board of Regents Higher Education, Montana State University Facility Refunding Revenue Bonds, 1985 Series A (MBIA) (5)	AAA	9.350% 11/15/2001	No Sinking Fund 11/15/95 @ 103 Ref.	182,861
19	500,000	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Municipal Improvement Authority Water System Revenue Bonds Refunding 1985 Series A (AMBAC) (5)	AAA	9.250 5/01/2018	5/01/06 @ 100 S.F. 11/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	563,900
20	75,000	Berks County, Pennsylvania Municipal Authority Hospital Revenue Bonds (Franciscan Health System/Saint Joseph Hospital, Reading, Pennsylvania)1985 Series (BIG)	AAA	9.625 6/15/2015	6/15/05 @ 100 S.F. 6/15/95 @ 102 Ref.	82,897
21	100,000	Dauphin County Hospital Authority (Pennsylvania) Hospital Revenue Refunding Bonds, 1984 Series (Harrisburg Hospital) (MBIA) (5)	AAA	9.750 7/01/2004	7/01/99 @ 100 S.F. 7/01/94 @ 102 Ref.	105,680
22	100,000	Dauphin County Hospital Authority (Pennsylvania) Hospital Revenue Refunding Bonds, 1984 Series	AAA	9.875 7/01/2014	7/01/99 @ 100 S.F. 7/01/94 @ 102 Ref.	105,742

		(Harrisburg Hospital) (MBIA) (5)				
23	60,000	Mount Lebanon, Pennsylvania Hospital Authority Hospital Revenue Refunding 1985 Series (St. Clair Memorial Hospital) (Financial Guaranty) (5)	AAA	9.125 7/01/2006	1/01/96 @ 100 S.F. 1/01/96 @ 102 Ref.	67,735
24	100,000	Dallas County, Texas Utility and Reclamation District Unlimited Ad Valorem Tax Bonds, 1985 Series (MBIA) (5)	AAA	8.750 5/15/2015	5/15/06 @ 100 S.F. 5/15/95 @ 100 Ref.	107,428
25a	330,000	City of Houston, Texas Sewer System Junior Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds, 1985 Series (Financial Guaranty) (5)	AAA	9.375 12/01/2013	12/01/06 @ 100 S.F. 12/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	374,316
25b	50,000	City of Houston, Texas Sewer System Junior Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds, 1985 Series (Financial Guaranty) (5)	AAA	9.375 12/01/2013	12/01/06 @ 100 S.F. 12/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	56,715
26	90,000	City of San Antonio, Texas Electric and Gas System Improvement Bonds, New 1985 Series A (BIG) (5)	AAA	9.375 2/01/2009	2/01/05 @ 100 S.F. 2/01/95 @ 101.5 Ref.	97,251
27	100,000	Intermountain Power Agency (a political subdivision of the State of Utah) Power Supply Revenue Refunding Bonds, 1985 Series A (AMBAC) (5)	AAA	9.625% 7/01/2008	7/01/06 @ 100 S.F. 7/01/95 @ 102.5 Ref.	111,845
28	100,000	Franklin County, Washington Public Utility District #1 1985 Series (AMBAC) (5)	AAA	9.625 9/01/2002	9/01/00 @ 100 S.F. 3/01/95 @ 102 Ref.	109,316
29	520,000	The District of Columbia Multi-Unit Housing Finance Corporation Mortgage Revenue Bonds, 1983 Series (FHA Insured Mortgage Loan-Congress Park II Apartments Section 8 Assisted Project) (MBIA)	AAA	0.000 11/01/2025	5/01/05 @ 11.975 S.F. 11/01/98 @ 6.415 Ref.	20,920
30	3,195,000	District of Columbia	AAA	0.000	2/01/09 @ 13.943 S.F.	86,521

_ _	Housing Finance Agency Multi-Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds, 1984 Series (FHA Insured Mortgage Loan-Benning Heights Project-100% Section 8 Assisted) (MBIA)	2/01/2027	2/01/04 @ 8.067 Ref.	_ _
$ 8,955,000				$ 5,934,923

See accompanying footnotes to portfolio and notes to financial statements.
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Footnotes to Portfolio

December 31, 1993

(1) All ratings are by Standard & Poor's Corporation. A brief description of the ratings symbols and their meanings is set forth under "Description of Bond Ratings" in Part B of this Prospectus.

(2) See "The Trust - Portfolio" in Part B of this Prospectus for an explanation of redemption features. See "Tax Status" in Part B of this Prospectus for a statement of the Federal tax consequences to a Certificateholder upon the sale, redemption or maturity of a bond.

(3) At December 31, 1993, the net unrealized depreciation of all the bonds was comprised of the following:

Gross unrealized appreciation	$ 94,636
Gross unrealized depreciation	(144,829)
Net unrealized depreciation	$ (50,193)

(4) The annual interest income, based upon bonds held at December 31, 1993, (excluding accretion of original issue discount on zero-coupon bonds) to the Trust is $497,073.

(5) The bonds have been prerefunded and will be redeemed at the next refunding call date.

(6) Bonds sold or called after December 31, 1993 are noted in a footnote "Changes in Trust Portfolio" under "Description of Portfolio" in Part A of this Prospectus.

(7) The Bonds may also be subject to other calls, which may be permitted or required by events which cannot be predicted (such as destruction, condemnation, termination of a contract, or receipt of excess or unanticipated revenues).

Note: Part B of This Prospectus May Not Be Distributed Unless Accompanied by Part A.

Please Read and Retain Both Parts of This Prospectus For Future Reference.

INSURED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES TRUST

Prospectus Part B

Dated: April 29, 1994

THE TRUST

Organization

"Insured Municipal Securities Trust" (the "Trust") consists of the "unit investment trust" designated as set forth in Part A.* The Trust was created under the laws of the State of New York pursuant to a Trust Indenture and Agreement** (collectively, the "Trust Agreement"), dated the Date of Deposit, among Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc., as Sponsor, Kenny S&P Evaluation Services, as Evaluator, and, depending on the particular Trust, either The Bank of New York or United States Trust Company of New York, as Trustee. The name of the Trustee for the Trust is contained in the "Summary of Essential Information" in Part A. For a description of the Trustee for a particular Trust, see "Trust Administration--The Trustee."

* This Part B relates to the outstanding series of Insured Municipal Securities Trust or Insured Municipal Securities Discount Trust as reflected in Part A attached hereto.

** References in this Prospectus to the Trust Agreement are qualified in their entirety by the Trust Indenture and Agreement which is incorporated herein.

On the Date of Deposit the Sponsor deposited with the Trustee long-term insured bonds, and/or delivery statements relating to contracts for the purchase of certain such bonds (the "Bonds") and cash or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a major commercial bank in the amount required for such purchases. Thereafter, the Trustee, in exchange for the Bonds so deposited delivered to the Sponsor the Certificates evidencing the ownership of all Units of the Trust. The Trust consists of the Bonds described under "The Trust" in Part A, the interest (including, where applicable, earned original issue discount) on which, in the opinions of bond counsel to the respective issuers given at the time of original delivery of the Bonds, is exempt from regular federal income tax under existing law.

Each "Unit" outstanding on the Evaluation Date represented an undivided interest or pro rata share in the principal and interest of the Trust in the ratio of one Unit to the principal amount of Bonds in the Trust on such date as specified in Part A of this Prospectus. To the extent that any Units are redeemed by the Trustee, the fractional undivided interest or pro rata share in the Trust represented by each unredeemed Unit will increase, although the actual interest in the Trust represented by such fraction will remain unchanged. Units will remain outstanding until redeemed upon tender to the Trustee by Certificate-holders, which may include the Sponsor or the Underwriters, or until the termination of the Trust Agreement.

Objectives

The Trust, one of a series of similar but separate unit investment trusts formed by the Sponsor, offers investors the opportunity to participate in a portfolio of long-term insured tax-exempt bonds with a greater diversification than they might be able to acquire themselves. The objectives of the Trust are to preserve capital and to provide interest income (including, where applicable, earned original issue discount) which, in the opinions of bond counsel given at the time of original delivery of the Bonds, is exempt from regular federal income tax under existing law. Such interest income may, however, be subject to the federal, individual and corporate alternative minimum taxes and to state and local taxes. (See "Description of Portfolio" in Part A for a list of those Bonds which pay interest income subject to federal individual alternative minimum tax. See also "Tax Status".) Consistent with such objectives, the Sponsor has obtained bond insurance guaranteeing the scheduled payment of principal and interest on certain of the Bonds and has purchased, as to the remainder of each Trust Portfolio, Bonds which are already covered by insurance. (See "Insurance on the Bonds".) An investor will realize taxable income upon maturity or early redemption of the market discount bonds in a Trust portfolio and will realize, where applicable, tax-exempt income to the extent of the earned portion of interest, including original issue discount earned on the Bonds in a Trust portfolio. Investors should be aware that there is no assurance the Trust's objectives will be achieved as these objectives are dependent on the continuing ability of the issuers of the Bonds to meet their interest and principal payment requirements, on the abilities of the Insurance Companies to meet their obligations under the policies of insurance issued on the Bonds, on the continuing satisfaction of the Bonds of the conditions required for the exemption of interest thereon from regular federal income tax and on the market value of the Bonds, which can be affected by fluctuations in interest rates and other factors.

Since disposition of Units prior to final liquidation of each Trust may result in an investor receiving less than the amount paid for such Units (see "Comparison of Public Offering Price, Sponsor's Repurchase Price and Redemption Price"), the purchase of a Unit should be looked upon as a long-term investment. Neither the Trust nor the Total Reinvestment Plan are designed to be complete investment programs.

Portfolio

All of the Bonds in the Trust were rated "AAA" by Standard & Poor's Corporation at the time originally deposited in the Trust. (See "Insurance on the Bonds".) The "AAA" rating was assigned to the Bonds by Standard & Poor's because each Bond was insured by a municipal bond guaranty insurance policy issued by a company whose claims-paying ability was rated "AAA" by Standard & Poor's at that time. Due to a downgrading of the claims-paying ability of one of the insurers, as of the Evaluation Date, the Bonds in the Trusts which are insured by that company are no longer rated "AAA" by Standard & Poor's. Therefore, the Units of those Trusts containing the downgraded bonds are no longer rated.

For information regarding (i) the number of issues in the Trust, (ii) the range of fixed maturities of the Bonds, (iii) the number of issues payable from the income of a specific project or authority and (iv) the number of issues constituting general obligations of a government entity, see "The Trust" and "Description of Portfolio" in Part A of this Prospectus.

When selecting Bonds for a Trust, the following factors, among others, were considered by the Sponsor: (a) the quality of the Bonds and whether such Bonds, whether Sponsor-Insured or Pre-Insured, were rated "AAA" by Standard & Poor's Corporation, (b) the yield and price of the Bonds relative to other tax-exempt securities of comparable quality and maturity, (c) income to the Certificateholders of the Trust, (d) whether a bond was insured, or insurance was available for the Bonds at a reasonable cost, (e) in connection with Bonds for which bond insurance was obtained by the Sponsor, the quality of the Bonds and whether they were rated, without regard to such bond insurance, "A" or better by either Standard & Poor's Corporation or Moody's Investors Service, and (f) the diversification of the Trust portfolio, as to purpose of issue and location of issuer, taking into account the availability in the market of issues which meet the Trust's quality, rating, yield and price criteria. Subsequent to the Date of Deposit, a Bond may cease to be rated or its rating may be reduced below that specified above. Neither event requires an elimination of such Bond from a Trust but may be considered in the Sponsor's determination to direct the Trustee to dispose of the Bond. See "Portfolio Supervision." For an interpretation of the bond ratings see "Description of Bond Ratings."

Housing Bonds. Some of the aggregate principal amount of the

Bonds may consist of obligations of state and local housing authorities whose revenues are primarily derived from mortgage loans to rental housing projects for low to moderate income families. Since such obligations are usually not general obligations of a particular state or municipality and are generally payable primarily or solely from rents and other fees, adverse economic developments including failure or inability to increase rentals, fluctuations of interest rates and increasing construction and operating costs may reduce revenues available to pay existing obligations. See "Description of Portfolio" in Part A for the amount of rental housing bonds contained therein.

Hospital Revenue Bonds. Some of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds may consist of hospital revenue bonds. Ratings of hospital bonds are often initially based on feasibility studies which contain projections of occupancy levels, revenues and expenses. Actual experience may vary considerably from such projections. A hospital's gross receipts and net income will be affected by future events and conditions including, among other things, demand for hospital services and the ability of the hospital to provide them, physicians' confidence in hospital management capability, economic developments in the service area, competition, actions by insurers and governmental agencies and the increased cost and possible unavailability of malpractice insurance. Additionally, a major portion of hospital revenue typically is derived from federal or state programs such as Medicare and Medicaid which have been revised substantially in recent years and which are undergoing further review at the state and federal level.

Proposals for significant changes in the health care system and the present programs for third party payment of health care costs are under consideration in Congress and many states. Future legislation or changes in the areas noted above, among other things, would affect all hospitals to varying degrees and, accordingly, any adverse change in these areas may affect the ability of such issuers to make payment of principal and interest on such bonds. See "Description of Portfolio" in Part A for the amount of hospital revenue bonds contained therein.

Nuclear Power Facility Bonds. Certain Bonds may have been issued in connection with the financing of nuclear generating facilities. In view of recent developments in connection with such facilities, legislative and administrative actions have been taken and proposed relating to the development and operation of nuclear generating facilities. The Sponsor is unable to predict whether any such actions or whether any such proposals or litigation, if enacted or instituted, will have an adverse impact on the revenues available to pay the debt service on the Bonds in the portfolio issued to finance such nuclear projects. See "Description of Portfolio" in Part A for the amount of bonds issued to finance nuclear generating facilities contained therein.

Mortgage Subsidy Bonds. Certain Bonds may be "mortgage subsidy bonds" which are obligations of which all or a significant portion of the proceeds are to be used directly or indirectly for mortgages on owner-occupied residences. Section 103A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, provided as a general rule that interest on "mortgage subsidy bonds" will not be exempt from Federal income tax. An exception is provided for certain "qualified mortgage bonds." Qualified mortgage bonds are bonds that are used to finance owner-occupied residences and that meet numerous statutory requirements. These requirements include certain residency, ownership, purchase price and target area requirements, ceiling amounts for state and local issuers, arbitrage restrictions and (for bonds issued after December 31, 1984) certain information reporting, certification, public hearing and policy statement requirements. In the opinions of bond counsel to the issuing governmental authorities, interest on all the Bonds in a Trust that might be deemed "mortgage subsidy bonds" will be exempt from Federal income tax when issued. See "Description of Portfolio" in Part A for the amount of mortgage subsidy Bonds contained therein.

Mortgage Revenue Bonds. Certain Bonds may be "mortgage revenue bonds." Under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") (and under similar provisions of the prior tax law) "mortgage revenue bonds" are obligations the proceeds of which are used to finance owner-occupied residences under programs which meet numerous statutory requirements relating to residency, ownership, purchase price and target area requirements, ceiling amounts for state and local issuers, arbitrage restrictions, and certain information reporting certification, and public hearing requirements. There can be no assurance that additional federal legislation will not be introduced or that existing legislation will not be further amended, revised, or enacted after delivery of these Bonds or that certain required future actions will be taken by the issuing governmental authorities, which action or failure to act could cause interest on the Bonds to be subject to federal income tax. If any portion of the Bonds proceeds are not committed for the purpose of the issue, Bonds in such amount could be subject to earlier mandatory redemption at par, including issues of Zero Coupon Bonds (see "Discount and Zero Coupon Bonds"). See "Description of Portfolio" in Part A for the amount of mortgage revenue bonds contained therein.

Private Activity Bonds. The portfolio of the Trust may contain other Bonds which are "private activity bonds" (often called Industrial Revenue Bonds ("IRBs") if issued prior to 1987) which would be primarily of two types: (1) Bonds for a publicly owned facility which a private entity may have a right to use or manage to some degree, such as an airport, seaport facility or water system and (2) facilities deemed owned or beneficially owned by a private entity but which were financed with tax-exempt bonds of a public issuer, such as a manufacturing facility or a pollution control facility. In the case of the first type, bonds are generally payable from a designated source of revenues derived from the facility and may further receive the benefit of the legal or moral obligation of one or more political subdivisions or taxing jurisdictions. In most cases of project financing of the first type, receipts or revenues of the Issuer are derived from the project or the operator or from the unexpended proceeds of the bonds. Such revenues include user fees, service charges, rental and lease payments, and mortgage and other loan payments.

The second type of issue will generally finance projects which are owned by or for the benefit of, and are operated by, corporate entities. Ordinarily, such private activity bonds are not general obligations of governmental entities and are not backed by the taxing power of such entities, and are solely dependent upon the creditworthiness of the corporate user of the project or corporate guarantor.

The private activity bonds in the Trust have generally been issued under bond resolutions, agreements or trust indentures pursuant to which the revenues and receipts payable under the issuer's arrangements with the users or the corporate operator of a particular project have been assigned and pledged to the holders of the private activity bonds. In certain cases a mortgage on the underlying project has been assigned to the holders of the private activity bonds or a trustee as additional security. In addition, private activity bonds are frequently directly guaranteed by the corporate operator of the project or by another affiliated company. See "Description of Portfolio" in Part A for the amount of private activity bonds contained therein.

Litigation. Litigation challenging the validity under state constitutions of present systems of financing public education has been initiated in a number of states. Decisions in some states have been reached holding such school financing in violation of state constitutions. In addition, legislation to effect changes in public school financing has been introduced in a number of states. The Sponsor is unable to predict the outcome of the pending litigation and legislation in this area and what effect, if any, resulting changes in the sources of funds, including proceeds from property taxes applied to the support of public schools, may have on the school bonds in a Trust.

To the Sponsor's knowledge, there is no litigation pending as of the Date of Deposit with respect to any Bonds which might reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on a Trust. Subsequent to the Date of Deposit, litigation may be initiated on a variety of grounds with respect to Bonds in a Trust. Such litigation, as, for example, suits challenging the issuance of pollution control revenue bonds under recently-enacted environmental protection statutes, may affect the validity of such Bonds or the tax-free nature of the interest thereon. The Sponsor is unable to predict whether any such litigation may be instituted or, if instituted, whether it might have a material adverse effect on a Trust.

Other Factors. The Bonds in the Trust, despite their optional redemption provisions which generally do not take effect until 10 years after the original issuance dates of such bonds (often referred to as "ten year call protection"), do contain provisions which require the issuer to redeem such obligations at par from unused proceeds of the issue within a stated period. In recent periods of declining interest rates there have been increased redemptions of bonds, particularly housing bonds, pursuant to such redemption provisions. In addition, the Bonds in the Trusts are also subject to mandatory redemption in whole or in part at par at any time that voluntary or involuntary prepayments of principal on the underlying collateral are made to the trustee for such bonds or that the collateral is sold by the bond issuer. Prepayments of principal tend to be greater in periods of declining interest rates; it is possible that such prepayments could be sufficient to cause a bond to be redeemed substantially prior to its stated maturity date, earliest call date or sinking fund redemption date.

The Bonds may also be subject to other calls, which may be permitted or required by events which cannot be predicted (such as destruction, condemnation, or termination of a contract).

In 1976 the federal bankruptcy laws were amended so that an authorized municipal debtor could more easily seek federal court protection to assist in reorganizing its debts so long as certain requirements were met. Historically, very few financially troubled municipalities have sought court assistance for reorganizing their debts; notwithstanding, the Sponsors are unable to predict to what extent financially troubled municipalities may seek court assistance in reorganizing their debts in the future and, therefore, what effect, if any, the applicable federal bankruptcy law provisions will have on the Trusts.

The Trust may also include "moral obligation" bonds. Under statutes applicable to such bonds, if any issuer is unable to meet its obligations, the repayment of such bonds becomes a moral commitment but not a legal obligation of the state or municipality in question. See "Portfolio" and "Information Regarding the Trust" in Part A of this Prospectus for the amount of moral obligation bonds contained in each Trust.

Certain of the Bonds in the Trust are subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity dates pursuant to sinking fund or call provisions. A sinking fund is a reserve fund appropriated specifically toward the retirement of a debt. A callable bond is one which is subject to redemption or refunding prior to maturity at the option of the issuer. A refunding is a method by which a bond is redeemed at or before maturity from the proceeds of a new issue of bonds. In general, call provisions are more likely to be exercised when the offering side evaluation of a bond is at a premium over par than when it is at a discount from par. A listing of the sinking fund and call provisions, if any, with respect to each of the Bonds is contained under "Portfolio". Certificateholders will realize a gain or loss on the early redemption of such Bonds, depending upon whether the price of such Bonds is at a discount from or at a premium over par at the time Certificateholders purchase their Units.

Neither the Sponsor nor the Trustee shall be liable in any way for any default, failure or defect in any of the Bonds. Because certain of the Bonds from time to time may be redeemed or will mature in accordance with their terms or may be sold under certain circumstances, no assurance can be given that a Trust will retain its present size and composition for any length of time. The proceeds from the sale of a Bond or the exercise of any redemption or call provision will be distributed to Certificateholders on the next distribution date, except to the extent such proceeds are applied to meet redemptions of Units. See "Trustee Redemption."

Discount And Zero Coupon Bonds

Some of the Bonds in a Trust may be original issue discount bonds. The original issue discount, which is the difference between the initial purchase price of the Bonds and the face value, is deemed to accrue on a daily basis and the accrued portion will be treated as tax-exempt interest income for regular federal income tax purposes. Upon sale or redemption, any gain realized that is in excess of the earned portion of original issue discount will be taxable as capital gain. (See "Tax Status".) The current value of an original issue discount bond reflects the present value of its face amount at maturity. The market value tends to increase more slowly in early years and in greater increments as the Bonds approach maturity. Of these original issue discount bonds, some of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds in the Trust may be Zero Coupon Bonds. (See "Description of Portfolios" in Part A.) Zero Coupon Bonds do not provide for the payment of any current interest and provide for payment at maturity at face value unless sooner sold or redeemed. The market value of Zero Coupon Bonds is subject to greater fluctuations than coupon bonds in response to changes in interest rates. Zero Coupon Bonds generally are subject to redemption at compound accreted value based on par value at maturity. Because the issuer is not obligated to make current interest payments, Zero Coupon Bonds may be less likely to be redeemed than coupon bonds issued at a similar interest rate, although certain zero coupon housing bonds may be subject to mandatory call provisions.

Some of the Bonds in the Trust may have been purchased at a "market" discount from par value at maturity. This is because the coupon interest rates on the discount bonds at the time they were purchased and deposited in each Trust were lower than the current market interest rates for newly issued bonds of comparable rating and type. At the time of issuance the discount bonds were for the most part issued at then current coupon interest rates. The current returns (coupon interest income as a percentage of market price) of discount bonds will be lower than the current returns of comparably rated bonds of similar type newly issued at current interest rates because discount bonds tend to increase in market value as they approach maturity and the full principal amount becomes payable. Gain on the disposition of a Bond purchased at a market discount generally will be treated as ordinary income, rather than capital gain, to the extent of accrued market discount. A discount bond held to maturity will have a larger portion of its total return in the form of capital gain and less in the form of tax-exempt interest income than a comparable bond newly issued at current return, and a lower current market value than otherwise comparable bonds with a shorter term of maturity. If interest rates rise, the value of discount bonds will decrease; and if interest rates decline, the value of discount bonds will increase. The discount does not necessarily indicate a lack of market confidence in the issuer.

Insurance On The Bonds

Each Bond in the Trust is insured by a municipal bond guaranty insurance policy, or in the case of Firemen's by a financial guaranty insurance policy, covering scheduled payment of principal and interest on such Bond. See "Insurance" in Part A. This insurance has been obtained either by the issuer of the Bond ("Pre-Insured Bonds"), or by the Sponsor ("Sponsor-Insured Bonds") with respect to Bonds which were not insured prior to their deposit in the Trusts. The insurance policies on the Bonds are non-cancelable and will continue in force so long as the Bonds are outstanding and the insurers remain in business. The insurance policies guarantee the timely payment of principal and interest on the Bonds but do not guarantee the market value of the Bonds or the value of the Units. No representation is made herein as to any Bond insurer's ability to meet its obligations under a policy of insurance relating to any of the Bonds. An insurance company that is required to pay interest and/or principal in respect of any Bond will succeed and be subrogated to the Trustee's right to collect such interest and/or principal from the issuer and to other related rights of the Trustee with respect to any such Bond.

Sponsor-Insured Bonds. For those Bonds which are not covered by an insurance policy obtained by the issuers of such Bonds, the Sponsor has obtained bond insurance from either Bond Investors Guaranty ("BIG"), Financial Guaranty Insurance Company ("Financial Guaranty"), Municipal Bond Insurance Association ("MBIA") or Municipal Bond Investors Assurance Corporation ("MBIA Corp.") in an effort to protect Certificateholders against nonpayment of principal and interest in respect of such Bonds (the "Sponsor-Insured Bonds"). The bond insurance on the Sponsor-Insured Bonds covers the Sponsor-Insured Bonds deposited in a Trust at the time that they are physically delivered to the Trustee (in the case of bearer bonds) or registered in the name of the Trustee or its nominee or delivered along with an assignment (in the case of registered bonds) or registered in the name of the Trustee or its nominee (in the case of bonds held in book-entry form). Accordingly, although contracts to purchase Sponsor-Insured Bonds are not covered by the bond insurance obtained by the Sponsor, such Bonds will be insured when they are deposited in the Trust. When selecting Bonds for a Trust prior to obtaining insurance thereon, the Sponsor considers the factors listed under "Portfolio", among others. The insurers of the Sponsor-Insured Bonds apply their own standards in determining whether to insure the Sponsor-Insured Bonds. To the extent that the standards of such insurers are more restrictive than those of the Sponsor, the Sponsor's investment criteria have been limited to the more restrictive standards.

Pre-Insured Bonds. The Bonds which are insured under policies obtained by the Bond issuers are insured by AMBAC Indemnity Corporation ("AMBAC"), BIG, Financial Guaranty, Financial Security Insurance, Inc. ("Financial Security"), Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey ("Firemen's"), Industrial Indemnity Company ("IIC") (which operates the Health Industry Board Insurance Program ("HIBI Program")), MBIA, MBIA Corp., or United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company ("USF&G") (collectively, the "Insurance Companies"). The cost of this insurance is borne by the respective issuers of the Pre-Insured Bonds. The percentage of the Portfolio insured by each Insurance Company, if any, is set forth under "Insurance" in Part A.

AMBAC is a Wisconsin-domiciled stock insurance company, regulated by the Insurance Department of the State of Wisconsin, and licensed to do business in 50 states, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, with admitted assets (unaudited) of approximately $1,936,000,000 and statutory capital (unaudited) of approximately $1,096,000,000 as of September 30, 1993. Statutory capital consists of the statutory contingency reserve and policyholders' surplus of the insurance company. AMBAC is a wholly owned subsidiary of AMBAC, Inc., a 100% publicly-held company.

As of the Evaluation Date, the claims-paying ability of AMBAC has been rated "AAA" by Standard & Poor's.

Financial Guaranty, a New York stock insurance corporation, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of FGIC Corporation ("FGIC"), a Delaware holding company. FGIC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of General Electric Capital Corporation ("GECC"). Neither FGIC nor GECC is obligated to pay the debts of or the claims against Financial Guaranty. Financial Guaranty is domiciled in the State of New York and is subject to regulation by the State of New York Insurance Department. As of December 31, 1993, the total capital and surplus of Financial Guaranty was approximately $777,000,000. Financial Guaranty is currently authorized to write insurance in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

As of the Evaluation Date, the claims-paying ability of

Financial Guaranty has been rated "AAA" by Standard & Poor's.

Firemen's, which was incorporated in New Jersey in 1855, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Continental Corporation ("Continental") and a member of The Continental Insurance Companies, a group of property and casualty insurance companies. It provides unconditional and non-cancelable insurance on industrial development revenue bonds. As of September 30, 1993, the total net admitted assets (unaudited) of Firemen's were $2,226,579,000 and its statutory surplus (unaudited) was $495,752,845.

As of the Evaluation Date, the claims-paying ability of Continental, Firemen's parent, has been rated "AA-" by Standard & Poor's. As a result of this rating, the ratings of all Bonds insured by Firemen's, except pre-refunded bonds, are rated AA-. Consequently, the Units of the Trusts containing Bonds insured by Firemen's are no longer rated.

Financial Security is a monoline insurance company incorporated under the laws of the State of New York and is licensed, along with its two subsidiaries, to engage in the financial guaranty insurance business in 49 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Financial Security is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Financial Security Assurance Holdings Ltd., which is in turn approximately 92.5% owned by U.S. WEST Capital Corporation ("U.S. WEST"). U.S. WEST is a subsidiary of U.S. WEST, Inc., which operates businesses involved in communications, data solutions, marketing services and capital assets.

Pursuant to an intercompany agreement, liabilities on financial guaranty insurance written by Financial Security or either of its two subsidiaries are reinsured among such companies on an agreed upon percentage substantially proportional to their respective capital surplus and reserves, subject to applicable statutory risk limitations. In addition, Financial Security reinsures a portion of its liabilities under certain of its financial guaranty insurance policies with other reinsurers under various quota-share treaties and on a transaction-by-transaction basis. Such reinsurance does not alter or limit Financial Security's obligations under any financial guaranty insurance policy. As of September 30, 1993, total shareholder equity of Financial Security and its wholly-owned subsidiaries was (unaudited) $585,935,000 and total unearned premium reserves was (unaudited) $216,434,000.

As of the Evaluation Date, Financial Security's claims-paying ability has been rated "AAA" by Standard & Poor's.

IIC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Industrial Indemnity Holdings, Inc. Industrial Indemnity Holdings, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Talegen Holdings, Inc. (formerly Crum and Forster, Inc.) The address of the Insurer is 255 California Street, San Francisco, California 94111. The following table sets forth summary statutory financial information with respect to Industrial Indemnity Company for the nine months ending September 1993, and for the years 1991 and 1992. For the fiscal years ending December 31, 1991 and December 31, 1992, Industrial Indemnity Company participated in a Reinsurance Participation Agreement with certain other Crum and Forster, Inc. companies. For 1991 and 1992 the statutory financial information set forth is that of Industrial Indemnity Company only, as reported to the California Department of Insurance, and is not the combined financial information of the companies participating in the Reinsurance Participation Agreement. As of January 1, 1993, Industrial Indemnity Company was not a participant in the Reinsurance Participation Agreement. Additional information regarding the Industrial Indemnity Company can be obtained from the California Department of Insurance.

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 1993	Year Ended Year Ended 1991	December 31, 1991
Net Income (Loss)	102,986,582	<60,580,522>	27,489,374

Total assets	1,996,780,555	1,732,927,506	1,602,412,749
Total liabilities	1,748,037,431	1,517,825,778	1,379,857,700
Policyholders' surplus	248,743,124	215,101,728	222,555,049

As of the Evaluation Date, the claims-paying ability of IIC has been rated "A" by Standard & Poor's. As a result of this rating, the ratings of all Bonds in the Trusts insured by IIC, except pre-refunded bonds, are rated A. Consequently, the Units of the Trusts containing Bonds insured by IIC are no longer rated.

Each insurance company comprising Municipal Bond Insurance Association ("MBIA", also known as the "Association") will be severally and not jointly obligated under the MBIA policy in the following respective percentages: The Aetna Casualty and Surety Company, 33%; Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, 30%; The Travelers Indemnity Company, 15%; Aetna Insurance Company*, 12%; and The Continental Insurance Company, 10%. As a several obligor, each such insurance company will be obligated only to the extent of its percentage of any claim under the MBIA policy and will not be obligated to pay any unpaid obligation of any other member of MBIA. Each insurance company's participation is backed by all of its assets. However, each insurance company is a multiline insurer involved in several lines of insurance other than municipal bond insurance, and the assets of each insurance company also secure all of its other insurance policy and surety bond obligations.

* now known as Cigna Property and Casualty Company

The following table sets forth certain financial information with respect to the five insurance companies comprising MBIA. The statistics, which have been furnished by MBIA, are as reported by the insurance companies to the New York State Insurance Department and are determined in accordance with statutory accounting principals. No representation is made herein as to the accuracy or adequacy of such information or as to the absence of material adverse changes in such information subsequent to the date thereof. In addition, these numbers are subject to revision by the New York State Insurance Department which, if revised, could either increase or decrease the amounts.

MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE ASSOCIATION
FIVE MEMBER COMPANIES' ASSETS, LIABILITIES
AND POLICYHOLDERS' SURPLUS
AS OF JUNE 30, 1993
(000's omitted)

	New York Statutory Assets	New York Statutory Liabilities	New York Policyholders' Surplus
The Aetna Casualty & Surety Company	$ 9,670,645	$ 8,278,113	$1,392,532
Fireman's Fund Insurance Company	6,571,313	4,880,776	1,690,537
The Travelers Indemnity Company	10,194,126	8,280,211	1,913,915
Cigna Property and Casualty Company (Formerly Aetna Insurance Company)	6,198,088	5,634,331	563,757
The Continental Insurance Company	2,574,504	2,223,194	351,310
TOTAL	$35,208,676	$29,296,625	$5,912,051

Some of the members of the Association are among the shareholders of MBIA, Inc., a New York Stock Exchange listed company. MBIA, Inc. is the parent of MBIA Corp. MBIA Corp. commenced municipal bond insurance operations on January 5, 1987. MBIA Corp. is a separate and distinct entity from the Association. MBIA Corp. has no liability to the bondholders for the obligations of the Association under the Policy.

MBIA Corp. is the principal operating subsidiary of MBIA Inc. MBIA Inc. is not obligated to pay the debts of or claims against the Insurer. MBIA Corp. is a limited liability corporation rather than a several liability association. MBIA Corp. is domiciled, in the State of New York and licensed to do business in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

As of December 31, 1992 MBIA Corp. had admitted assets of $2.6 billion (unaudited), total liabilities of $1.7 billion (audited), and total capital and surplus of $896 million (audited) determined in accordance with statutory accounting practices prescribed or permitted by insurance regulatory authorities. As of December 31, 1993, MBIA Corp. had admitted assets of $3.1 billion (audited), total liabilities of $2.1 billion (audited), and total capital and surplus of $978 million (unaudited) determined in accordance with statutory accounting practices prescribed or permitted by insurance regulatory authorities. The address of MBIA Corp. is 113 King Street, Armonk, New York 10504.

Effective December 31, 1989, MBIA Inc. acquired Bond Investors Group, Inc. On January 5, 1990, MBIA acquired all of the outstanding stock of Bond Investors Group, Inc., the parent corporation of Bond Investors Guaranty Insurance Co. ("BIG"). Through a Reinsurance Agreement, BIG has ceded all of its net insured risks, as well as its unearned premium and contingency reserves, to MBIA and MBIA has reinsured BIG's net outstanding exposure.

As of the Evaluation Date, the claims-paying ability of MBIA and MBIA Corp., have been rated "AAA" by Standard & Poor's.

Capital Guaranty is a monoline stock insurance company incorporated in Maryland, and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Capital Guaranty Corporation, a Maryland insurance holding company. Capital Guaranty Corporation is a publicly owned company whose shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange. Other than their capital commitment to Capital Guaranty Corporation, the shareholders of Capital Guaranty Corporation are not obligated to pay the debts of, or the claims against, Capital Guaranty Insurance Company. Capital Guaranty is authorized to provide insurance in 49 states, the District of Columbia and three U.S. territories. As of December 31, 1993, the total statutory policyholders' surplus and contingency reserves of Capital Guaranty Insurance Company was approximately $190,986,527 (unaudited) and total admitted assets were approximately $284,503,855 (unaudited) as reported to the Insurance Department of the State of Maryland.

As of the Evaluation Date, the claims-paying ability of Capital Guaranty has been rated "AAA" by Standard & Poor's.

As of the Date of Deposit, Standard & Poor's had rated the claims-paying ability of each of the above insurance companies "AAA" and had rated each of the Bonds in the Portfolio "AAA" because the insurance companies had insured the Bonds. The assignment of such "AAA" ratings was due to Standard & Poor's assessment of the creditworthiness of the insurance companies and their ability to pay claims on their policies of insurance. Subsequently, the rating of the claims-paying ability of the insurer of an underlying Bond may cease to be rated or may be downgraded which may result in a downgrading of the rating of the Units in the Trust. For a discussion of the rating of the claims-paying ability of each of the Bond insurers see "Insurance On The Bonds". For a list of Bond Ratings as of the Evaluation Date see the "Portfolio" in Part A of this Prospectus. For a discussion of the rating assigned to the Units of the Trusts, see "the Trust" in Part A of this Prospectus. The percentage of each Trust portfolio insured by each insurance company, if any, is set forth under "Insurance" in Part A.

The foregoing information relating to the above insurance companies is from published documents and other public sources and/or information provided by such insurance companies. No representation is made herein as to the accuracy or adequacy of such information or as to the absence of material adverse changes in such information subsequent to the dates thereof, but the Sponsor is not aware that the information herein is inaccurate or incomplete.

PUBLIC OFFERING

Offering Price

The secondary market Public Offering Price per Unit is computed by adding to the aggregate bid price of the Bonds in the Trust divided by the number of Units outstanding, an amount based on the applicable sales charge times the aggregate offering price of the Bonds (see "Public Offering Price" in Part A for the applicable sales charge for the Trust). A proportionate share of accrued interest on the Bonds to the expected date of settlement for the Units is added to the Public Offering Price. Accrued interest is the accumulated and unpaid interest on a Bond from the last day on which interest was paid and is accounted for daily by the Trust at the initial daily rate set forth under "Summary of Essential Information" in Part A of this Prospectus. This daily rate is net of estimated fees and expenses. The Public Offering Price can vary on a daily basis from the amount stated in Part A in accordance with fluctuations in the prices of the Bonds and the price to be paid by each investor will be computed as of the date the Units are purchased. The aggregate bid price evaluation of the Bonds is determined in the manner set forth under "Trustee Redemption."

The Evaluator may obtain current bid or offering prices for the Bonds from investment dealers or brokers (including the Sponsor) that customarily deal in tax-exempt obligations or from any other reporting service or source of information which the Evaluator deems appropriate.

Accrued Interest

An amount of accrued interest which represents accumulated unpaid or uncollected interest on a Bond from the last day on which interest was paid thereon will be added to the Public Offering Price and paid by the Certificateholder at the time Units are purchased. Since the Trust normally receives the interest on Bonds twice a year and the interest on the Bonds in the Trust is accrued on a daily basis (net of estimated fees and expenses), the Trust will always have an amount of interest accrued but not actually received and distributed to Certificate-holders. A Certificateholder will not recover his proportionate share of accrued interest until the Units are sold or redeemed, or the Trust is terminated. At that time, the Certificateholder will receive his proportionate share of the accrued interest computed to the settlement date in the case of a sale or termination and to the date of tender in the case of redemption.

Employee Discounts

Employees and their immediate families of Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc. and of any underwriter of a Trust, pursuant to employee benefit arrangements, may purchase Units of a Trust at a price equal to the offering side evaluation of the underlying securities in a Trust during the initial offering period and at the bid side thereafter, divided by the number of Units outstanding plus a reduced charge of $10.00 per Unit. Such arrangements result in less selling effort and selling expenses than sales to employee groups of other companies. Resales or transfers of Units purchased under the employee benefit arrangements may only be made through the Sponsor's secondary market, so long as it is being maintained.

Distribution Of Units

Certain banks and thrifts will make Units of the Trust available to their customers on an agency basis. A portion of the sales charge paid by their customers is retained by or remitted to the banks. Under the Glass-Steagall Act, banks are prohibited from underwriting Units; however, the Glass-Steagall Act does permit certain agency transactions and the banking regulators have indicated that these particular agency transactions are permitted under such Act. In addition, state securities laws on this issue may differ from the interpretations of federal law expressed herein and banks and financial institutions may be required to register as dealers pursuant to state law.

The Sponsor intends to qualify the Units for sale in substantially all States through the Underwriters and through dealers who are members of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Units may be sold to dealers at prices which represent a concession of up to (a) 4% of the Public Offering Price for the Insured Municipal Securities Trust Series or (b) $25.00 per unit for the Insured Municipal Securities Trust Discount Series, subject to the Sponsor's right to change the dealers' concession from time to time. In addition, for transactions of 1,000,000 Units or more, the Sponsor intends to negotiate the applicable sales charge and such charge will be disclosed to any such purchaser. Such Units may then be distributed to the public by the dealers at the Public Offering Price then in effect. The Sponsor reserves the right to reject, in whole or in part, any order for the purchase of Units. The Sponsor reserves the right to change the discounts from time to time.

Sponsor's Profits

The Sponsor will receive a gross commission on all Units sold in the secondary market equal to the applicable sales charge on each transaction. (See "Offering Price".) In addition, in maintaining a market for the Units (see "Sponsor Repurchase") the Sponsor will realize profits or sustain losses in the amount of any difference between the price at which it buys Units and the price at which it resells such Units.

Participants in the Total Reinvestment Plan can designate a broker as the recipient of a dealer concession (see "Total Reinvestment Plan").

Comparison of Public Offering Price, Sponsor's Repurchase Price And Redemption Price

The secondary market Public Offering Price of Units will be determined on the basis of the current bid prices of the Bonds in the Trust, plus the applicable sales charge. The value at which Units may be resold in the Secondary Market or redeemed will be determined on the basis of the current bid prices of the Bonds without any sales charge. On the Evaluation Date, the Public Offering Price and the Sponsor's initial Repurchase Price per Unit (each based on the bid side evaluation of the Bonds in the Trust) each exceeded the Redemption Price and the Sponsor's secondary market Repurchase Price per Unit (based upon the current bid side evaluation of the Bonds in the Trust) by the amounts shown under "Summary of Essential Information" in Part A of this Prospectus. For this reason, among others (including fluctuations in the market prices of such Bonds and the fact that the Public Offering Price includes the applicable sales charge), the amount realized by a Certificateholder upon any redemption of Sponsor repurchase of Units may be less than the price paid for such Units.

ESTIMATED LONG TERM RETURN AND ESTIMATED CURRENT RETURN

The rate of return on an investment in Units of each Trust is measured in terms of "Estimated Current Return" and "Estimated Long Term Return".

Estimated Long Term Return is calculated by: (1) computing the yield to maturity or to an earlier call date (whichever results in a lower yield) for each Bond in a Trust's portfolio in accordance with accepted bond practices, which practices take into account not only the interest payable on the Bond but also the amortization of premiums or accretion of discounts, if any; (2) calculating the average of the yields for the Bonds in each Trust's portfolio by weighing each Bond's yield by the market value of the Bond and by the amount of time remaining to the date to which the Bond is priced (thus creating an average yield for the portfolio of each Trust); and (3) reducing the average yield for the portfolio of each Trust in order to reflect estimated fees and expenses of that Trust and the maximum sales charge paid by Unitholders. The resulting Estimated Long Term Return represents a measure of the return to Unitholders earned over the estimated life of each Trust. The Estimated Long Term Return as of the day prior to the Evaluation Date is stated for the Trust under "Summary of Essential Information" in Part A.

Estimated Current Return is computed by dividing the Estimated Net Annual Interest Income per Unit by the Public Offering Price per Unit. In contrast to the Estimated Long Term Return, the Estimated Current Return does not take into account the amortization of premium or accretion of discount, if any, on the Bonds in the portfolios of each Trust. Moreover, because interest rates on Bonds purchased at a premium are generally higher than current interest rates on newly issued bonds of a similar type with comparable rating, the Estimated Current Return per Unit may be affected adversely if such Bonds are redeemed prior to their maturity. On the day prior to the Evaluation Date, the Estimated Net Annual Interest Income per Unit divided by the Public Offering Price resulted in the Estimated Current Return stated for each Trust under "Summary of Essential Information" in Part A.

The Estimated Net Annual Interest Income per Unit of each Trust will vary with changes in the fees and expenses of the Trustee and the Evaluator applicable to each Trust and with the redemption, maturity, sale or other disposition of the Bonds in each Trust. The Public Offering Price will vary with changes in the bid prices of the Bonds. Therefore, there is no assurance that the present Estimated Current Return or Estimated Long Term Return will be realized in the future.

A schedule of cash flow projections is available from the Sponsor upon request.

RIGHTS OF CERTIFICATEHOLDERS

Certificates

Ownership of Units of the Trust is evidenced by registered Certificates executed by the Trustee and the Sponsor. Certificates may be issued in denominations of one or more Units and will bear appropriate notations on their faces indicating which plan of distribution has been selected by the Certificateholder. Certificates are transferable by presentation and surrender to the Trustee properly endorsed and/or accompanied by a written instrument or instruments of transfer. Although no such charge is presently made or contemplated, the Trustee may require a Certificateholder to pay $2.00 for each Certificate reissued or transferred and any governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with each such transfer or interchange. Mutilated, destroyed, stolen or lost Certificates will be replaced upon delivery of satisfactory indemnity and payment of expenses incurred.

Interest And Principal Distributions

Interest received by the Trust is credited by the Trustee to an Interest Account and a deduction is made to reimburse the Trustee without interest for any amounts previously advanced. Proceeds representing principal received from the maturity, redemption, sale or other disposition of the Bonds are credited to a Principal Account.

Distributions to each Certificateholder from the Interest Account are computed as of the close of business on each Record Date for the following Payment Date and consist of an amount substantially equal to one-twelfth, one-half or all of such Certificateholder's pro rata share of the Estimated Net Annual Interest Income in the Interest Account, depending upon the applicable plan of distribution. Distributions from the Principal Account (other than amounts representing failed contracts, as previously discussed) will be computed as of each semi-annual Record Date, and will be made to the Certificateholders on or shortly after the next semi-annual Payment Date. Proceeds representing principal received from the disposition of any of the Bonds between a Record Date and a Payment Date which are not used for redemptions of Units will be held in the Principal Account and not distributed until the second succeeding semi-annual Payment Date. No distributions will be made to Certificateholders electing to participate in the Total Reinvestment Plan. Persons who purchase Units between a Record Date and a Payment Date will receive their first distribution on the second Payment Date after such purchase.

Because interest payments are not received by the Trust at a constant rate throughout the year, interest distributions may be more or less than the amount credited to the Interest Account as of a given Record Date. For the purpose of minimizing fluctuations in the distributions from the Interest Account, the Trustee will advance sufficient funds, without interest, as may be necessary to provide interest distributions of approximately equal amounts. All funds in respect of the Bonds received and held by the Trustee prior to distribution to Certificateholders may be of benefit to the Trustee and do not bear interest to Certificateholders.

As of the first day of each month, the Trustee will deduct from the Interest Account, and, to the extent funds are not sufficient therein, from the Principal Account, amounts necessary to pay the expenses of the Trust (as determined on the basis set forth under "Trust Expenses and Charges"). The Trustee also may withdraw from said accounts such amounts, if any, as it deems necessary to establish a reserve for any applicable taxes or other governmental charges that may be payable out of the Trust. Amounts so withdrawn shall not be considered a part of the Trust's assets until such time as the Trustee shall return all or any part of such amounts to the appropriate accounts. In addition, the Trustee may withdraw from the Interest and Principal Accounts such amounts as may be necessary to cover purchases of Replacement Bonds and redemptions of Units by the Trustee.

The estimated monthly, semi-annual or annual interest distribution per Unit will initially be in the amount shown under Summary of Essential Information and will change and may be reduced as Bonds mature or are redeemed, exchanged or sold, or as expenses of the Trust fluctuate. No distribution need be made from the Principal Account until the balance therein is an amount sufficient to distribute $1.00 per Unit.

Distribution Elections

Interest is distributed monthly, semi-annually or annually, depending upon the distribution plan applicable to the Unit purchased. Record Dates are the first day of each month for monthly distributions, the first day of each June and December for semi-annual distributions and the first day of each December for annual distributions. Payment Dates will be the fifteenth day of each month following the respective Record Dates.

Certificateholders purchasing Units in the secondary market will initially receive distributions in accordance with the election of the prior owner. Every October each Certificateholder may change his distribution election by notifying the Trustee in writing of such change between October 1 and November 1 of each year. (Certificateholders deciding to change their election should contact the Trustee by calling the number listed on the back cover hereof for information regarding the procedures that must be followed in connection with this written notification of the change of election.) Failure to notify the Trustee on or before November 1 of each year will result in a continuation of the plan for the following 12 months.

Records

The Trustee shall furnish Certificateholders in connection with each distribution a statement of the amount of interest, if any, and the amount of other receipts, if any, which are being distributed, expressed in each case as a dollar amount per Unit. Within a reasonable time after the end of each calendar year the Trustee will furnish to each person who at any time during the calendar year was a Certificateholder of record, a statement showing (a) as to the Interest Account: interest received (including amounts representing interest received upon any disposition of Bonds and earned original issue discount, if any), amounts paid for purchases of Replacement Bonds and redemptions of Units, if any, deductions for applicable taxes and fees and expenses of the Trust, and the balance remaining after such distributions and deductions, expressed both as a total dollar amount and as a dollar amount representing the pro rata share of each Unit outstanding on the last business day of such calendar year; (b) as to the Principal Account: the dates of disposition of any Bonds and the net proceeds received therefrom (including any unearned original issue discount but excluding any portion representing accrued interest), deductions for payments of applicable taxes and fees and expenses of the Trust, amounts paid for purchases of Replacement Bonds and redemptions of Units, if any, and the balance remaining after such distributions and deductions, expressed both as a total dollar amount and as a dollar amount representing the pro rata share of each Unit outstanding on the last business day of such calendar year; (c) a list of the Bonds held and the number of Units outstanding on the last business day of such calendar year; (d) the Redemption Price per Unit based upon the last computation thereof made such calendar year; and (e) amounts actually distributed to Certificateholders during such calendar year from the Interest and Principal Accounts, separately stated, expressed both as total dollar amounts representing the pro rata share of each Unit outstanding on the last business day of such calendar year.

The Trustee shall keep available for inspection by Certificateholders at all reasonable times during usual business hours, books of record and account of its transactions as Trustee, including records of the names and addresses of Certificateholders, Certificates issued or held, a current list of Bonds in the portfolio and a copy of the Trust Agreement.

TAX STATUS

All Bonds acquired by the Trust were accompanied by copies of opinions of bond counsel to the issuing governmental authorities given at the time of original delivery of the Bonds to the effect that the interest thereon is exempt from regular federal income tax. Such interest may, however, be subject to the federal corporate alternative minimum tax and to state and local taxes. Neither the Sponsor nor the Trustee nor their respective counsel has made any review of the proceedings relating to the issuance of the Bonds or the bases for such opinion and express no opinion as to these matters, and neither the Trustee nor the Sponsor nor their respective counsel has made an independent examination or verification that the federal income tax status of the Bonds has not been altered since the time of the original delivery of those opinions.

The Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1993 ("P.L. 103-66") was recently enacted. P.L. 103-66 increases maximum marginal income tax rates for individuals and corporations (generally effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1992), extends the authority to issue certain categories of tax-exempt bonds (qualified small issue bonds and qualified mortgage bonds), limits the availability of capital gain treatment for tax-exempt bonds purchased at a market discount, increases the amount of Social Security benefits subject to tax (effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1993) and makes a variety of other changes. Prospective investors are urged to consult their own tax advisors as to the effect of P.L. 103-66 on an investment in Units.

In rendering the opinion set forth below, counsel has examined the Agreement, the final form of Prospectus dated the date hereof (the "Prospectus") and the documents referred to therein, among others, and has relied on the validity of said documents and the accuracy and completeness of the facts set forth therein.

In the opinion of Battle Fowler, counsel for the Sponsor, under existing law:

The Trust is not an association taxable as a corporation for federal income tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"), and income received by the Trust that consists of interest excludable from federal gross income under the Code will be excludable from the federal gross income of the Certificateholders of the Trust.

Each Certificateholder will be considered the owner of a pro rata portion of the Trust under Section 676(a) of the Code. Thus, each Certificateholder will be considered to have received his pro rata share of Bond interest when it is received by the Trust, and the net income distributable to Certificateholders that is exempt from federal income tax when received by the Trust will constitute tax-exempt income when received by the Certificateholders.

Gain (other than any earned original issue discount) realized on a sale or redemption of the Bonds or on a sale of a Unit is, however, includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes, generally as capital gain, although gain on the disposition of a Bond or a Unit purchased at a market discount generally will be treated as ordinary income, rather than capital gain, to the extent of accrued market discount. (It should be noted in this connection that such gain does not include any amounts received in respect of accrued interest.) Such gain may be long or short-term depending on the facts and circumstances. Capital losses are deductible to the extent of capital gains; in addition, up to $3,000 of capital losses of non-corporate Certificateholders may be deducted against ordinary income. Capital assets acquired on or after January 1, 1988 must be held for more than one year to qualify for long-term capital gain treatment.

Each Certificateholder will realize taxable gain or loss when the Trust disposes of a Bond (whether by sale, exchange, redemption or payment at maturity), as if the Certificateholder had directly disposed of his pro rata share of such Bond. The gain or loss is measured by the difference between (i) the tax cost of such pro rata share and (ii) the amount received therefor. For this purpose, a Certificateholder's per Unit tax cost for each Bond is determined by allocating the total tax cost of each Unit among all the Bonds held in the Trust (in accordance with the portion of the Trust comprised by each Bond). In order to determine the amount of taxable gain or loss, the Certificateholder's amount received is similarly allocated at that time. The Certificateholder may exclude from the amount received any amounts that represent accrued interest or the earned portion of any original issue discount but may not exclude amounts attributable to market discount. Thus, when a Bond is disposed of by the Trust at a gain, taxable gain will equal the difference between (i) the amount received and (ii) the amount paid plus any original issue discount (limited, in the case of Bonds issued after June 8, 1980, to the portion earned from the date of acquisition to the date of disposition). Gain on the disposition of a Bond purchased at a market discount generally will be treated as ordinary income, rather than capital gain, to the extent of accrued market discount. No deduction is allowed for the amortization of bond premium on tax-exempt bonds such as the Bonds in computing regular federal income tax.

Discount generally accrues based on the principle of compounding of accrued interest, not on a straight-line or ratable method, with the result that the amount of earned original issue discount is less in the earlier years and more in the later years of a bond term. The tax basis of a discount bond is increased by the amount of accrued, tax-exempt original issue discount thus determined. This method of calculation will produce higher capital gains (or lower losses) to a Certificateholder, as compared to the results produced by the straight-line method of accounting for original issue discount, upon an early disposition of a Bond by the Trust or of a Unit by a Certificateholder.

A Certificateholder may also realize taxable income or loss when a Unit is sold or redeemed. The amount received is allocated among all the Bonds in the Trust in the same manner as when the Trust disposes of Bonds and the Certificateholder may exclude accrued interest and the earned portion of any original issue discount (but not amounts attributable to market discount). The return of a Certificateholder's tax cost is otherwise a tax-free return of capital.

A portion of social security benefits is includable in gross income for taxpayers whose "modified adjusted gross income" combined with a portion of their benefits exceeds a base amount. The base amount is $25,000 for an individual, $32,000 for a married couple filing a joint return and zero for married persons filing separate returns. Interest on tax-exempt bonds is to be added to adjusted gross income for purposes of computing the amount of Social Security benefits that are includable in gross income and determining whether an individual's income exceeds the base amount above which a portion of the benefits would be subject to tax. For taxable years beginning after December 31, 1993, the amount of Social Security benefits subject to tax will be increased.

Corporate Certificateholders are required to include in federal corporate alternative minimum taxable income 75 percent of the amount by which the adjusted current earnings (which will include tax-exempt interest) of the corporation exceeds the alternative minimum taxable income (determined without this item). Further, interest on the Bonds is includable in a 0.12% additional corporate minimum tax imposed by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 for taxable years beginning before January 1, 1996. In addition, in certain cases, Subchapter S corporations with accumulated earnings and profits from Subchapter C years will be subject to a minimum tax on excess "passive investment income" which includes tax-exempt interest.

Any proceeds received pursuant to the terms of the insurance on the Bonds that represent maturing interest on defaulted obligations will be excludable from federal gross income if, and to the same extent that, such interest would have been so excludable if paid by the issuers of such defaulted obligations.

The Trust is not subject to the New York State Franchise Tax on Business Corporations or the New York City General Corporation Tax. For a Certificateholder who is a New York resident, however, a pro rata portion of all or part of the income of the Trust will be treated as the income of the Certificateholder under the income tax laws of the State and City of New York. Similar treatment may apply in other states.

The exemption of interest on municipal obligations for federal income tax purposes does not necessarily result in exemption under the income tax laws of any state or political subdivision. In general, municipal bond interest exempt from federal income tax is taxable income to residents of the State or City of New York under the tax laws of those jurisdictions unless the bonds are issued by the State of New York or one of its political subdivisions or by the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or one of its political subdivisions. For corporations doing business in New York State, interest earned on state and municipal obligations that are exempt from federal income tax, including obligations of New York State, its political subdivisions and instrumentalities, must be included in calculating New York State and New York City entire net income for purposes of calculating New York State and New York City franchise (income) tax. The laws of the several states and local taxing authorities vary with respect to the taxation of such obligations and each Certificateholder is advised to consult his own tax advisor as to the tax consequences of his Certificates under state and local tax laws.

In the case of Bonds that are industrial revenue bonds ("IRBs") or certain types of private activity bonds, the opinions of bond counsel to the respective issuing authorities indicate that interest on such Bonds is exempt from regular federal income tax. However, interest on such Bonds will not be exempt from regular federal income tax for any period during which such Bonds are held by a "substantial user" of the facilities financed by the proceeds of such Bonds or by a "related person" thereof within the meaning of the Code. Therefore, interest on any such Bonds allocable to a Certificateholder who is such a "substantial user" or "related person" thereof will not be tax-exempt. Furthermore, in the case of IRBs that qualify for the "small issue" exemption, the "small issue" exemption will not be available or will be lost if, at any time during the three-year period beginning on the later of the date the facilities are placed in service or the date of issue, all outstanding tax-exempt IRBs, together with a proportionate share of any present issue, of an owner or principal user (or related person) of the facilities exceeds $40,000,000. In the case of IRBs issued under the $10,000,000 "small issue" exemption, interest on such IRBs will become taxable if the face amount of the IRBs plus certain capital expenditures exceeds $10,000,000.

In addition, a Bond can lose its tax-exempt status as a result of other subsequent but unforeseeable events such as prohibited "arbitrage" activities by the issuer of the Bond or the failure of the Bond to continue to satisfy the conditions required for the exemption of interest thereon from regular federal income tax. No investigation has been made as to the current or future owners or users of the facilities financed by the Bonds, the amount of such persons' outstanding tax-exempt IRBs, or the facilities themselves, and no assurance can be given that future events will not affect the tax-exempt status of the Bonds. Investors should consult their tax advisors for advice with respect to the effect of these provisions on their particular tax situation.

Interest on indebtedness incurred or continued to purchase or carry the Units is not deductible for regular federal income tax purposes. However, such interest is deductible for New York State and New York City income tax purposes by corporations that are required to include interest on the Bonds in New York State and New York City entire net income for purposes of calculating the New York State and New York City franchise (income) taxes. In addition, under rules used by the Internal Revenue Service for determining when borrowed funds are considered used for the purpose of purchasing or carrying particular assets, the purchase of Units may be considered to have been made with borrowed funds even though the borrowed funds are not directly traceable to the purchase of Units. Also, in the case of certain financial institutions that acquire Units, in general no deduction is allowed for interest expense allocable to the Units.

From time to time proposals have been introduced before Congress to restrict or eliminate the federal income tax exemption for interest on debt obligations similar to the Bonds in the Trust, and it can be expected that similar proposals may be introduced in the future.

In a 1988 decision (South Carolina v. Baker), the U.S. Supreme Court held that the federal government may constitutionally require states to register bonds they issue and subject the interest on such bonds to federal income tax if not registered, and that there is no constitutional prohibition against the federal government's taxing the interest earned on state or other municipal bonds. The Supreme Court decision affirms the authority of the federal government to regulate and control bonds such as the Bonds in the Trust and to tax interest on such bonds in the future. The decision does not, however, affect the current exemption from taxation of the interest earned on the Bonds in the Trust in accordance with Section 103 of the Code.

The opinions of bond counsel or special tax counsel to the issuing governmental authorities to the effect that interest on the Bonds is exempt from regular federal income tax may be limited to law existing at the time the Bonds were issued, and may not apply to the extent that future changes in law, regulations or interpretations affect such Bonds. Investors are advised to consult their own tax advisors for advice with respect to the effect of any legislative changes.

LIQUIDITY

Sponsor Repurchase

The Sponsor, although not obligated to do so, intends to maintain a secondary market for the Units and continuously to offer to repurchase the Units. The Sponsor's secondary market repurchase price, after the initial public offering is completed, will be based on the aggregate bid price of the Bonds in the Trust portfolio, determined by the Evaluator on a daily basis, and will be the same as the redemption price. The aggregate bid price is determined by the Evaluator on a daily basis and completed on the basis set forth under "Trustee Redemption". Certificateholders who wish to dispose of their Units should inquire of the Sponsor as to current market prices prior to making a tender for redemption. The Sponsor may discontinue repurchase of Units if the supply of Units exceeds demand, or for other business reasons. The date of repurchase is deemed to be the date on which Certificates representing Units are physically received in proper form by Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc., 245 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10167. Units received after 4 P.M., New York Time, will be deemed to have been repurchased on the next business day. In the event a market is not maintained for the Units, a Certificateholder may be able to dispose of Units only by tendering them to the Trustee for redemption.

Prospectuses relating to certain other bond trusts indicate an intention by the respective Sponsor, subject to change, to repurchase units on the basis of a price higher than the bid prices of the bonds in the trusts. Consequently, depending on the prices actually paid, the secondary market repurchase price of other trusts may be computed on a somewhat more favorable basis than the repurchase price offered by the Sponsor for units of this Trust, although in all bond trusts, the purchase price of a unit depends primarily on the value of the bonds in the trust portfolio.

Units purchased by the Sponsor in the secondary market may be re-offered for sale by the Sponsor at a price based on the aggregate bid price of the Bonds in the Trust plus the applicable sales charge (see "Public Offering Price" in Part A) plus net accrued interest. Any Units that are purchased by the Sponsor in the secondary market also may be redeemed by the Sponsor if it determines such redemption to be in its best interest.

The Sponsor may, under certain circumstances, as a service to Certificateholders, elect to purchase any Units tendered to the Trustee for redemption (see "Trustee Redemption"). Factors which the Sponsor will consider in making a determination will include the number of Units of all Trusts which it has in inventory, its estimate of the salability and the time required to sell such Units and general market conditions. For example, if in order to meet redemptions of Units the Trustee must dispose of Bonds, and if such disposition cannot be made by the redemption date (seven calendar days after tender), the Sponsor may elect to purchase such Units. Such purchase shall be made by payment to the Certificateholder not later than the close of business on the redemption date of an amount equal to the Redemption Price on the date of tender.

Trustee Redemption

Units may also be tendered to the Trustee for redemption at its corporate trust office as set forth in Part A of this Prospectus, upon proper delivery of Certificates representing such Units and payment of any relevant tax. At the present time there are no specific taxes related to the redemption of Units. No redemption fee will be charged by the Sponsor or the Trustee. Units redeemed by the Trustee will be cancelled.

Certificates representing Units to be redeemed must be delivered to the Trustee and must be properly endorsed or accompanied by proper instruments of transfer with signature guaranteed (or by providing satisfactory indemnity, as in the case of lost, stolen or mutilated Certificates). Thus, redemptions of Units cannot be effected until Certificates representing such Units have been delivered by the person seeking redemption. (See "Certificates".) Certificateholders must sign exactly as their names appear on the faces of their Certificates. In certain instances the Trustee may require additional documents such as, but not limited to, trust instruments, certificates of death, appointments as executor or administrator or certificates of corporate authority.

Within seven calendar days following a tender for redemption, or, if such seventh day is not a business day, on the first business day prior thereto, the Certificateholder will be entitled to receive in cash an amount for each Unit tendered equal to the Redemption Price per Unit computed as of the Evaluation Time set forth under "Summary of Essential Information" in Part A on the date of tender. The "date of tender" is deemed to be the date on which Units are received by the Trustee, except that with respect to Units received after the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange, the date of tender is the next day on which such Exchange is open for trading, and such Units will be deemed to have been tendered to the Trustee on such day for redemption at the Redemption Price computed on that day.

Accrued interest paid on redemption shall be withdrawn from the Interest Account, or, if the balance therein is insufficient, from the Principal Account. All other amounts paid on redemption shall be withdrawn from the Principal Account. The Trustee is empowered to sell Bonds in order to make funds available for redemptions. Such sales, if required, could result in a sale of Bonds by the Trustee at a loss. To the extent Bonds are sold, the size and diversity of the Trust will be reduced.

The Redemption Price per Unit is the pro rata share of each Unit in the Trust determined by the Trustee on the basis of (i) the cash on hand in the Trust or moneys in the process of being collected, (ii) the value of the Bonds in the Trust based on the bid prices of such Bonds and (iii) interest accrued thereon, less (a) amounts representing taxes or other governmental charges payable out of the Trust, (b) the accrued expenses of the Trust and (c) cash allocated for the distribution to Certificateholders of record as of the business day prior to the evaluation being made. The Evaluator may determine the value of the Bonds in the Trust (1) on the basis of current bid prices of the Bonds obtained from dealers or brokers who customarily deal in bonds comparable to those held by the Trust, (2) on the basis of bid prices for bonds comparable to any Bonds for which bid prices are not available, (3) by determining the value of the Bonds by appraisal, or (4) by any combination of the above. The Evaluator will determine the aggregate current bid price evaluation of the Bonds in the Trust, taking into account the market value of the Bonds insured under the Bond Insurance Policy, in the manner described as set forth under "Public Offering--Offering Price". Insurance does not guarantee the market value of the Bonds or the Units, and while Bond insurance represents an element of market value in regard to insured Bonds, its exact effect, if any, on market value cannot be predicted.

The Trustee is irrevocably authorized in its discretion, if the Sponsor does not elect to purchase a Unit tendered for redemption or if the Sponsor tenders a Unit for redemption, in lieu of redeeming such Unit, to sell such Unit in the over-the-counter market for the account of the tendering Certificateholder at prices which will return to the Certificateholder an amount in cash, net after deducting brokerage commissions, transfer taxes and other charges, equal to or in excess of the Redemption Price for such Unit. The Trustee will pay the net proceeds of any such sale to the Certificateholder on the day he would otherwise be entitled to receive payment of the Redemption Price.

The Trustee reserves the right to suspend the right of redemption and to postpone the date of payment of the Redemption Price per Unit for any period during which the New York Stock Exchange is closed, other than customary weekend and holiday closings, or trading on that Exchange is restricted or during which (as determined by the Securities and Exchange Commission) an emergency exists as a result of which disposal or evaluation of the Bonds is not reasonably practicable, or for such other periods as the Securities and Exchange Commission may by order permit. The Trustee and the Sponsor is not liable to any person or in any way for any loss or damage which may result from any such suspension or postponement.

A Certificateholder who wishes to dispose of his Units should inquire of his bank or broker in order to determine if there is a current secondary market price in excess of the Redemption Price.

TOTAL REINVESTMENT PLAN

Under the Total Reinvestment Plan (the "Plan"), semi-annual and annual Certificateholders (except Texas residents*) may elect to have all interest and principal distributions, if any, with respect to their Units reinvested either in units of various series of "Insured Municipal Securities Trust" or "Municipal Securities Trust" which will have been created shortly before each semi-annual or annual Payment Date (a "Primary Series") or, if units of a Primary Series are not available, in units of a previously formed series of the Trust which have been repurchased by the Sponsor in the secondary market or which constitute a portion of the Units of the Trust not sold by the Sponsor prior to such Payment Date (a "Secondary Series") (Primary Series and Secondary Series are hereafter collectively referred to as "Available Series"). Series of "Municipal Securities Trustee" do not have insurance. The first interest distribution to Certificateholders cannot be reinvested unless such distribution is scheduled for June 15 or December 15 in the case of semi-annual Certificateholders or December 15 in the case of annual Certificateholders (each such date being referred to herein as the "Plan Reinvestment Date").

* Texas residents may elect to participate in the "Total Reinvestment Plan for Texas Residents" hereinafter described.

Under the Plan (subject to compliance with applicable blue sky laws), fractional units ("Plan Units") will be purchased from the Sponsor at a price equal to the aggregate offering price per Unit of the bonds in the Available Series portfolio during the initial offering of the Available Series or at the aggregate bid price per Unit of the Available Series if its initial offering has been completed, plus a sales charge equal to 3.627% of the net amount invested in such bonds or 3-1/2% of the Reinvestment Price per Plan Unit, plus accrued interest, divided by one hundred (the "Reinvestment Price per Plan Unit"). All Plan Units will be sold at this reduced sales charge of 3-1/2% in comparison to the regular sales charge on primary and secondary market sales of Units in any series of "Municipal Securities Trust". Participants in the Plan will have the opportunity to designate, in the Authorization Form for the Plan, the name of a broker to whom the Sponsor will allocate a sales commission of 1-1/2% of the Reinvestment Price per Plan Unit, payable out of the 3-1/2% sales charge. If no such designation is made, the Sponsor will retain the sales commission.

Under the Plan, the entire amount of a participant's income and principal distributions will be reinvested. For example, a Certificateholder who is entitled to receive $130.50 interest income from the Trust would acquire 13.05 Plan Units assuming that the Reinvestment Price per Plan Unit, plus accrued interest, approximated $10 (Ten Dollars).

A semi-annual or annual Certificateholder may join the Plan at the time he invests in Units of the Trust or any time thereafter by delivering to the Trustee an Authorization Form which is available from brokers, any Underwriter of the Units or the Sponsor. In order that distributions may be reinvested on a particular Plan Reinvestment Date, the Authorization Form must be received by the Trustee not later than the 15th day of the month preceding such Date. Authorization Forms not received in time for a particular Plan Reinvestment Date will be valid only for the second succeeding Plan Reinvestment Date. Similarly, a participant may withdraw from the program at any time by notifying the Trustee (see below). However, if written confirmation of withdrawal is not given to the Trustee prior to a particular distribution, the participant will be deemed to have elected to participate in the Plan with respect to that particular distribution and his withdrawal would become effective for the next succeeding distribution.

Once delivered to the Trustee, an Authorization Form will constitute a valid election to participate in the Plan with respect to Units purchased in the Trust (and with respect to Plan Units purchased with the distributions from the Units purchased in the Trust) for each subsequent distribution so long as the Certificateholder continues to participate in the Plan. However, if an Available Series should materially differ from the Trust in the opinion of the Sponsor, the authorization will be voided and participants will be provided with both a notice of the material change and a new Authorization Form which would have to be returned to the Trustee before the Certificateholder would again be able to participate in the Plan. The Sponsor anticipates that a material difference which would result in a voided authorization would include such facts as the inclusion of bonds in the Available Series portfolio the interest income on which was not exempt from all federal income tax, or the inclusion of bonds which were not rated "A" or better by Standard & Poor's Corporation or Moody's Investors Service, Inc. on the date such bonds were initially deposited in the Available Series portfolio.

The Sponsor has the option at any time to use units of a Secondary Series to fulfill the requirements of the Plan in the event units of a Primary Series are not available either because a Primary Series is not then in existence or because the registration statement relating thereto is not declared effective in sufficient time to distribute final prospectuses to Plan participants (see below). It should be noted that there is no assurance that the quality and diversification of the Bonds in any Available Series or the estimated current return thereon will be similar to that of this Trust.

It is the Sponsor's intention that Plan Units will be offered on or about each semi-annual and annual Record Date for determining who is eligible to receive distributions on the related Payment Date. Such Record Dates are June 1 and December 1 of each year for semi-annual Certificateholders, and December 1 of each year for annual Certificateholders. On each Record Date the Sponsor will send a current Prospectus relating to the Available Series being offered for the next Plan Reinvestment Date along with a letter which reminds each participant that Plan Units are being purchased for him as part of the Plan unless he notifies the Trustee in writing by that Plan Reinvestment Date that he no longer wishes to participate in the Plan. In the event a Primary Series has not been declared effective in sufficient time to distribute a final Prospectus relating thereto and there is no Secondary Series as to which a registration statement is currently effective, it is the Sponsor's intention to suspend the Plan and distribute to each participant his regular semi-annual or annual distribution. If the Plan is so suspended, it will resume in effect with the next Plan Reinvestment Date assuming units of an Available Series are then being offered.

To aid a participant who might desire to withdraw either from the Plan or from a particular distribution, the Trustee has established a toll free number (see "Summary of Essential Information" in Part A) for participants to use for notification of withdrawal, which must be confirmed in writing prior to the Plan Reinvestment Date. Should the Trustee be so notified, it will make the appropriate cash disbursement. Unless the withdrawing participant specifically indicates in his written confirmation that (a) he wishes to withdraw from the Plan for that particular distribution only, or (b) he wishes to withdraw from the Plan for less than all units of each series of "Municipal Securities Trust" or "Insured Municipal Securities Trust" which he might then own (and specifically identifies which series are to continue in the Plan), he will be deemed to have withdrawn completely from the Plan in all respects. Once a participant withdraws completely, he will only be allowed to again participate in the Plan by submitting a new Authorization Form. A sale or redemption of a portion of a participant's Plan Units will not constitute a withdrawal from the Plan with respect to the remaining Plan Units owned by such participant.

Unless a Certificateholder notifies the Trustee in writing to the contrary, each semi-annual and annual Certificateholder who has acquired Plan Units will be deemed to have elected the semi-annual and annual plan of distribution, respectively, and to participate in the Plan with respect to distributions made in connection with such Plan Units. (Should the Available Series from which Plan Units are purchased for the account of an annual Certificateholder fail to have an annual distribution plan, such Certificateholder will be deemed to have elected the semi-annual plan of distribution, and to participate in the Plan with respect to distributions made, in connection with such Plan Units.) A participant who subsequently desires to have distributions made with respect to Plan Units delivered to him in cash may withdraw from the Plan with respect to such Plan Units and remain in the Plan with respect to units acquired other than through the Plan. Assuming a participant has his distributions made with respect to Plan Units reinvested, all such distributions will be accumulated with distributions generated from the Units of the Trust used to purchase such additional Plan Units. However, distributions related to units in other series of "Municipal Securities Trust" will not be accumulated with the foregoing distributions for Plan purchases. Thus, if a person owns units in more than one series of "Municipal Securities Trust" (which are not the result of purchases under the Plan), distributions with respect thereto will not be aggregated for purchases under the Plan.

Although not obligated to do so, the Sponsor intends to maintain a market for the Plan Units and continuously to offer to purchase Plan Units at prices based upon the aggregate offering price of the Bonds in the Available Series portfolio during the initial offering of the Available Series, or at the aggregate bid price of the Bonds of the Available Series after its initial offering has been completed. The Sponsor may discontinue such purchases at any time. The aggregate bid price of the underlying bonds may be expected to be less than the aggregate offering price. In the event that a market is not maintained for Plan Units, a participant desiring to dispose of his Plan Units may be able to do so only by tendering such Plan Units to the Trustee for redemption at the Redemption Price of the full units in the Available Series corresponding to such Plan Units, which is based upon the aggregate bid price of the underlying bonds as described in the "Insured Municipal Securities Trust" Prospectus for the Available Series in question. If a participant wishes to dispose of his Plan Units, he should inquire of the Sponsor as to current market prices prior to making a tender for redemption to the Trustee.

Any participant may tender his Plan Units for redemption to the Available Series Trust. Participants may redeem Plan Units by making a written request to the Trustee, at the address listed in the "Summary of Essential Information" in Part A, on the Redemption Form supplied by the Trustee. The redemption price per Plan Unit will be determined as set forth in the "Insured Municipal Securities Trust" Prospectus of the Available Series from which such Plan Unit was purchased following receipt of the request and adjusted to reflect the fact that it relates to a Plan Unit. There is no charge for the redemption of Plan Units.

The Trust Agreement requires that the Trustee notify the Sponsor of any tender of Plan Units for redemption. So long as the Sponsor is maintaining a bid in the secondary market, the Sponsor will purchase any Plan Units tendered to the Trustee for redemption by making payment therefor to the Certificateholder in an amount not less than the redemption price for such Plan Units on the date of tender not later than the day on which such Plan Units otherwise would have been redeemed by the Trustee.

Participants in the Plan will not receive individual certificates for their Plan Units unless the amount of Plan Units accumulated represents $1,000 principal amount of bonds underlying such Units and, in such case, a written request for certificates is made to the Trustee. All Plan Units will be accounted for by the Trustee on a book entry system. Each time Plan Units are purchased under the Plan, a participant will receive a confirmation stating his cost, number of Units purchased and estimated current return. Questions regarding a participant's statements should be directed to the Trustee by calling the Trustee at the number set forth under "Summary of Essential Information" in Part A of this Prospectus.

All expenses relating to the operation of the Plan will be borne by the Sponsor. The Sponsor and the Trustee reserve the right to suspend, modify or terminate the Plan at any time for any reason, including the right to suspend the Plan if the Sponsor is unable or unwilling to establish a Primary Series or is unable to provide Secondary Series Units. All participants will receive notice of any such suspension, modification or termination.

Total Reinvestment Plan For Texas Residents

Except as specifically provided under this section, and unless the context otherwise requires, all provisions and definitions contained under the heading "Total Reinvestment Plan" shall be applicable to the Total Reinvestment Plan for Texas Residents ("Texas Plan").

Semi-annual and annual Certificateholders of the Trust who are residents of Texas have the option prior to any semi-annual or annual distribution to affirmatively elect to reinvest that distribution, including both interest and principal, if any, in an Available Series.

A resident of Texas who is a semi-annual or annual Certificateholder may join the Texas Plan for any particular semi-annual or annual distribution by delivering to the Trustee an Authorization Form For Texas Residents ("Texas Authorization Form") specifically mentioning the date of the particular semi-annual or annual distribution he wishes to reinvest. On or about each semi-annual or annual Record Date, Texas Authorization Forms shall be sent by the Trustee to every Certificateholder who, according to the Trustee's records, is a resident of Texas. In the event that the Sponsor suspends the Plan or the Texas Plan no Texas Authorization Forms shall be sent. In order that distributions may be reinvested on a particular Plan Reinvestment Date, the Texas Authorization Form must be received by the Trustee on or before such Date. Texas Authorization Forms not received in time for the Plan Reinvestment Date will be deemed void. A participant who delivers a Texas Authorization Form to the Trustee may thereafter withdraw said authorization by notifying the Trustee at its toll free telephone number prior to a Plan Reinvestment Date. Such notification of withdrawal must be confirmed in writing prior to the Plan Reinvestment Date. Under no circumstances shall a Texas Authorization Form be provided or accepted by the Trustee which provides for the reinvestment of distributions for more than one Plan Reinvestment Date.

On or about each semi-annual and annual Record Date, the Sponsor will send a current Prospectus relating to the Available Series being offered on the next Plan Reinvestment Date along with a letter incorporating a Texas Authorization Form which specifies the funds available for reinvestment, reminds each participant that no Plan Units will be purchased for him unless the Texas Authorization Form is received by the Trustee on or before that particular Plan Reinvestment Date, and states that the Texas Authorization Form is valid only for that particular semi-annual or annual distribution. If the Available Series should materially differ from the Trust, the participant will be provided with a notice of the material change and a new Texas Authorization Form which would have to be returned to the Trustee before the Certificateholder would again be able to participate in the Plan.

Each semi-annual and annual Certificateholder who has acquired Plan Units will be deemed to have elected the semi-annual and annual plan of distribution, respectively, with respect to such Units, but such Certificateholder will not be deemed to participate in the Plan for any particular distribution unless and until he delivers to the Trustee a Texas Authorization Form pertaining to those Plan Units. (Should the Available Series from which Plan Units are purchased for the account of an annual Certificateholder fail to have an annual distribution plan, such Certificateholder will be deemed to have elected the semi-annual plan of distribution, and to participate in the Plan with respect to distributions made in connection with such Plan Units.)

Portfolio Supervision

Except for the purchase of Replacement Bonds or as discussed herein, the acquisition of any Bonds for the Trust other than Bonds initially deposited by the Sponsor is prohibited. Although it is the Sponsor's and Trustee's intention not to dispose of Bonds insured pursuant to the Bond Insurance in the event of default, nevertheless, the Sponsor may direct the Trustee to dispose of Bonds upon (i) default in payment of principal or interest on such Bonds, (ii) institution of certain legal proceedings with respect to the issuers of such Bonds, (iii) default under other documents adversely affecting debt service on such Bonds, (iv) default in payment of principal or interest on other obligations of the same issuer or guarantor, (v) with respect to revenue Bonds, decline in revenues and income of any facility or project below the estimated levels calculated by proper officials charged with the construction or operation of such facility or project or (vi) decline in price or the occurrence of other market or credit factors that in the opinion of the Sponsor would make the retention of such Bonds in the Trust detrimental to the interests of the Certificateholders. If a default in the payment of principal or interest on any of the Bonds occurs and if the Sponsor fails to instruct the Trustee to sell or hold such Bonds, the Trust Agreement provides that the Trustee may sell such Bonds. The Trustee shall not be liable for any depreciation or loss by reason of any sale of bonds or by reason of the failure of the Sponsor to give directions to the Trustee.

The Sponsor is authorized by the Trust Agreement to direct the Trustee to accept or reject certain plans for the refunding or refinancing of any of the Bonds. Any bonds received in exchange or substitution will be held by the Trustee subject to the terms and conditions of the Agreement to the same extent as the Bonds originally deposited. Within five days after such deposit, notice of such exchange and deposit shall be given by the Trustee to each Certificateholder registered on the books of the Trustee, including an identification of the Bonds eliminated and the Bonds substituted therefor.

Trust Agreement, Amendment And Termination

The Trust Agreement may be amended by the Trustee, the Sponsor and the Evaluator without the consent of any of the Certificateholders: (1) to cure any ambiguity or to correct or supplement any provision which may be defective or inconsistent; (2) to change any provision thereof as may be required by the Securities and Exchange Commission or any successor governmental agency; or (3) to make such other provisions in regard to matters arising thereunder as shall not adversely affect the interests of the Certificateholders.

The Trust Agreement may also be amended in any respect, or performance of any of the provisions thereof may be waived, with the consent of the holders of Certificates evidencing 66-2/3% of the Units then outstanding for the purpose of modifying the rights of Certificateholders; provided that no such amendment or waiver shall reduce any Certificateholder's interest in the Trust without his consent or reduce the percentage of Units required to consent to any such amendment or waiver without the consent of the holders of all Certificates. The Trust Agreement may not be amended, without the consent of the holders of all Certificates then outstanding, to increase the number of Units issuable or to permit the acquisition of any bonds in addition to or in substitution for those initially deposited in the Trust, except in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Agreement. The Trustee shall promptly notify Certificateholders, in writing, of the substance of any such amendment.

The Trust Agreement provides that the Trust shall terminate upon the maturity, redemption or other disposition, as the case may be, of the last of the Bonds held in the Trust but in no event is it to continue beyond the end of the calendar year preceding the fiftieth anniversary of the execution of the Trust Agreement. If the value of the Trust shall be less than the minimum amount set forth under "Summary of Essential Information" in Part A, the Trustee may, in its discretion, and shall when so directed by the Sponsor, terminate the Trust. The Trust may also be terminated at any time with the consent of the holders of Certificates representing 100% of the Units then outstanding. In the event of termination, written notice thereof will be sent by the Trustee to all Certificateholders. Within a reasonable period after termination, the Trustee must sell any Bond remaining in the Trust, and, after paying all expenses and charges incurred by the Trust, distribute to each Certificateholder, upon surrender for cancellation of his Certificate for Units, his pro rata share of the Interest and Principal Accounts.

The Sponsor

The Sponsor, Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc., a Delaware corporation, is engaged in the underwriting, investment banking and brokerage business and is a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. and all principal securities and commodities exchanges, including the New York Stock Exchange, the American Stock Exchange, the Midwest Stock Exchange and the Pacific Stock Exchange. Bear Stearns maintains its principal business offices at 245 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10167 and, since its reorganization from a partnership to a corporation in October, 1985 has been a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Bear Stearns Companies Inc. Bear Stearns, through its predecessor entities, has been engaged in the investment banking and brokerage business since 1923. Bear Stearns is the sponsor for numerous series of unit investment trusts, including: A Corporate Trust, Series 1 (and Subsequent Series); New York Municipal Trust, Series 1 (and Subsequent Series), Discount and Zero Coupon Fund, 1st Series (and Subsequent Series); Municipal Securities Trust, Series 1 (and Subsequent Series), 1st Discount Series (and Subsequent Series); High Income Series 1 (and Subsequent Series); Multi-State Series 1 (and Subsequent Series); Insured Municipal Securities Trust, Series 1-4 (Multiplier Portfolio), Series 1 (and Subsequent Series), 5th Discount Series (and Subsequent Series), Navigator Series (and Subsequent Series); Mortgage Securities Trust, CMO Series 1 (and Subsequent Series) and Equity Securities Trust, Series 1, Signature Series, Gabelli Communications Income Trust (and Subsequent Series). The information included herein is only for the purpose of informing investors as to the financial responsibility of the Sponsor and its ability to carry out its contractual obligations.

The Sponsor is liable for the performance of its obligations arising from its responsibilities under the Trust Agreement, but will be under no liability to Certificateholders for taking any action, or refraining from taking any action, in good faith pursuant to the Trust Agreement, or for errors in judgment except in cases of its own willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of its obligations and duties.

The Sponsor may resign at any time by delivering to the Trustee an instrument of resignation executed by the Sponsor.

If at any time the Sponsor shall resign or fail to perform any of its duties under the Trust Agreement or becomes incapable of acting or becomes bankrupt or its affairs are taken over by public authorities, then the Trustee may either (a) appoint a successor Sponsor; (b) terminate the Trust Agreement and liquidate the Trust; or (c) continue to act as Trustee without terminating the Trust Agreement. Any successor Sponsor appointed by the Trustee shall be satisfactory to the Trustee and, at the time of appointment, shall have a net worth of at least $1,000,000.

The Trustee

For certain of the Trusts as set forth in the "Summary of Essential Information" in Part A, the Trustee is United States Trust Company of New York, with its principal place of business at 45 Wall Street, New York, New York 10005 and a corporate trust office at 770 Broadway, New York, New York 10003. United States Trust Company of New York has, since its establishment in 1853, engaged primarily in the management of trust and agency accounts for individuals and corporations. The Trustee is a member of the New York Clearing House Association and is subject to supervision and examination by the Superintendent of Banks of the State of New York, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

For certain other Trusts as set forth in the "Summary of Essential Information" in Part A, the Trustee is The Bank of New York, a trust company organized under the laws of New York, having its offices at 101 Barclay Street, New York, New York 10286 (1-800-431-8002). The Bank of New York is subject to supervision and examination by the Superintendent of Banks of the State of New York and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and its deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to the extent permitted by law. The Trustee must be a banking corporation organized under the laws of the United States or any state which is authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers and must have at all times an aggregate capital, surplus and undivided profits of not less than $5,000,000. The duties of the Trustee are primarily ministerial in nature. The Trustee did not participate in the selection of Securities for the portfolio of the Trust.

The Trustee shall not be liable or responsible in any way for taking any action, or for refraining from taking any action, in good faith pursuant to the Trust Agreement, or for errors in judgment; or for any disposition of any moneys, bonds or Certificates in accordance with the Trust Agreement, except in cases of its own willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of its obligations and duties; provided, however, that the Trustee shall not in any event be liable or responsible for any evaluation made by the Evaluator. In addition, the Trustee shall not be liable for any taxes or other governmental charges imposed upon or in respect of the Bonds or the Trust which it may be required to pay under current or future law of the United States or any other taxing authority having jurisdiction. The Trustee shall not be liable for depreciation or loss incurred by reason of the sale by the Trustee of any of the Bonds pursuant to the Trust Agreement.

For further information relating to the responsibilities of the Trustee under the Trust Agreement, reference is made to the material set forth under "Rights of Certificateholders".

The Trustee may resign by executing an instrument in writing and filing the same with the Sponsor, and mailing a copy of a notice of resignation to all Certificateholders. In such an event the Sponsor is obligated to appoint a successor Trustee as soon as possible. In addition, if the Trustee becomes incapable of acting or becomes bankrupt or its affairs are taken over by public authorities, the Sponsor may remove the Trustee and appoint a successor as provided in the Trust Agreement. Notice of such removal and appointment shall be mailed to each Certificateholder by the Sponsor. If upon resignation of the Trustee no successor has been appointed and has accepted the appointment within thirty days after notification, the retiring Trustee may apply to a court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor. The resignation or removal of the Trustee becomes effective only when the successor Trustee accepts its appointment as such or when a court of competent jurisdiction appoints a successor Trustee. Upon execution of a written acceptance of such appointment by such successor Trustee, all the rights, powers, duties and obligations of the original Trustee shall vest in the successor.

Any corporation into which the Trustee may be merged or with which it may be consolidated, or any corporation resulting from any merger or consolidation to which the Trustee shall be a party, shall be the successor Trustee. The Trustee must always be a banking corporation organized under the laws of the United States or any State and have at all times an aggregate capital, surplus and undivided profits of not less than $2,500,000.

The Evaluator

The Evaluator is Kenny S&P Evaluation Services, a division of Kenny Information Systems, Inc. with main offices located at 65 Broadway, New York, New York 10006. The Evaluator is a wholly-owned subsidiary of McGraw-Hill Inc. The Evaluator is a registered investment advisor and also provides financial information services.

The Trustee, the Sponsor and the Certificateholders may rely on any evaluation furnished by the Evaluator and shall have no responsibility for the accuracy thereof. Determinations by the Evaluator under the Trust Agreement shall be made in good faith upon the basis of the best information available to it, provided, however, that the Evaluator shall be under no liability to the Trustee, the Sponsor or Certificateholders for errors in judgment, except in cases of its own willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of its obligations and duties.

The Evaluator may resign or may be removed by the Sponsor and Trustee, and the Sponsor and the Trustee are to use their best efforts to appoint a satisfactory successor. Such resignation or removal shall become effective upon the acceptance of appointment by the successor Evaluator. If upon resignation of the Evaluator no successor has accepted appointment within thirty days after notice of resignation, the Evaluator may apply to a court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor.

TRUST EXPENSES AND CHARGES

At no cost to the Trust, the Sponsor has borne all the expenses of creating and establishing the Trust, including the cost of initial preparation and execution of the Trust Agreement, registration of the Trust and the Units under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and the Securities Act of 1933, the premiums on the Sponsor-Insured Bonds, initial preparation and printing of the Certificates, the fees of the Evaluator during the initial public offering, legal expenses, advertising and selling expenses, expenses of the Trustee including, but not limited to, an amount equal to interest accrued on certain "when issued" bonds since the date of settlement for the Units, initial fees and other out-of-pocket expenses.

The Sponsor will not charge the Trust a fee for its services as such. (See "Sponsor's Profits".)

The Sponsor will receive for portfolio supervisory services to the Trust an Annual Fee in the amount set forth under "Summary of Essential Information" in Part A of this Prospectus. The Sponsor's fee may exceed the actual cost of providing portfolio supervisory services for this Trust, but at no time will the total amount received for portfolio supervisory services rendered to all series of the Municipal Securities Trust in any calendar year exceed the aggregate cost to the Sponsor of supplying such services in such year. (See "Portfolio Supervision".)

The Trustee will receive for its ordinary recurring services to the Trust an annual fee in the amount set forth under "Summary of Essential Information" in Part A of this Prospectus. For a discussion of the services performed by the Trustee pursuant to its obligations under the Trust Agreement, see "Trust Administration" and "Rights of Certificateholders".

The Evaluator will receive, for each daily evaluation of the Bonds in the Trust after the initial public offering is completed, a fee in the amount set forth under "Summary of Essential Information" in Part A of this Prospectus.

The Trustee's and Evaluator's fees are payable monthly as of the Record Date from the Interest Account to the extent funds are available and then from the Principal Account. Both fees may be increased without approval of the Certificateholders by amounts not exceeding proportionate increases in consumer prices for services as measured by the United States Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index entitled "All Services Less Rent".

The following additional charges are or may be incurred by the Trust: all expenses (including counsel fees) of the Trustee incurred and advances made in connection with its activities under the Trust Agreement, including the expenses and costs of any action undertaken by the Trustee to protect the Trust and the rights and interests of the Certificateholders; fees of the Trustee for any extraordinary services performed under the Trust Agreement; indemnification of the Trustee for any loss or liability accruing to it without gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct on its part, arising out of or in connection with its acceptance or administration of the Trust; indemnification of the Sponsor for any losses, liabilities and expenses incurred in acting as Sponsor of the Trust without gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct on its part; and all taxes and other governmental charges imposed upon the Bonds or any part of the Trust (no such taxes or charges are being levied, made or, to the knowledge of the Sponsor, contemplated). The above expenses, including the Trustee's fees, when paid by or owing to the Trustee are secured by a first lien on the Trust. In addition, the Trustee is empowered to sell Bonds in order to make funds available to pay all expenses.

The accounts of the Trust shall be audited not less than annually by independent public accountants selected by the Sponsor. So long as the Sponsor maintains a secondary market, the Sponsor will bear any audit expense which exceeds 50 cents per Unit. Certificateholders covered by the audit during the year may receive a copy of the audited financial upon request.

EXCHANGE PRIVILEGE AND CONVERSION OFFER

Exchange Privilege

Certificateholders may elect to exchange any or all of their Units of these Trusts for Units of one or more of any available series of Insured Municipal Securities Trust, Municipal Securities Trust, New York Municipal Trust, Mortgage Securities Trust, A Corporate Trust or Equity Securities Trust (upon receipt by the Equity Securities Trust of an appropriate exemptive order from the Securities & Exchange Commission) (the "Exchange Trusts") at a reduced sales charge as set forth below. Under the Exchange Privilege, the Sponsor's repurchase price of the Units being surrendered, and only after the initial offering period has been completed, will be based on the aggregate bid price of the Bonds in the particular Trust portfolio. Units in an Exchange Trust then will be sold to the Certificateholder at a price based on the aggregate offer price of the Bonds in the Exchange Trust portfolio (or for Units of Equity Securities Trust, based on the market value of the underlying securities in the Equity Trust portfolio) during the initial public offering period of the Exchange Trust; or, based on the aggregate bid price of the Bonds in the Exchange Trust portfolio if its initial public offering has been completed, plus accrued interest (or for Units of Equity Securities Trust, based on the market value of the underlying securities in the Equity Trust portfolio) and a reduced sales charge as set forth below.

Except for unitholders who wish to exercise the Exchange Privilege within the first five months of their purchase of Units of Trust, the sales charge applicable to the purchase of units of an Exchange Trust shall be $15 per unit (or per 1,000 units for the Mortgage Securities Trust or per 100 Units for the Equity Securities Trust) (approximately 1.5% of the price of each Exchange Trust unit (or 1,000 Units for the Mortgage Securities Trust or per 100 Units for the Equity Securities Trust)). For unitholders who wish to exercise the Exchange Privilege within the first five months of their purchase of Units of Trust, the sales charge applicable to the purchase of units of an Exchange Trust shall be the greater of (i) $15 per unit (or per 1,000 Units for the Mortgage Securities Trust or per 100 Units for the Equity Securities Trust), or (ii) an amount which when coupled with the sales charge paid by the unitholder upon his original purchase of Units of the Trust at least equals the sales charge applicable in the direct purchase of units of an Exchange Trust. The Exchange Privilege is subject to the following conditions:

(1) The Sponsor must be maintaining a secondary market in both the Units of the Trust held by the Certificateholder and the Units of the available Exchange Trust. While the Sponsor has indicated its intention to maintain a market in the Units of all

Trusts sponsored by it, the Sponsor is under no obligation to continue to maintain a secondary market and therefore there is no assurance that the Exchange Privilege will be available to a Certificateholder at any specific time in the future. At the time of the Certificateholder's election to participate in the Exchange Privilege, there also must be Units of the Exchange Trust available for sale, either under the initial primary distribution or in the Sponsor's secondary market.

(2) Exchanges will be effected in whole units only. Any excess proceeds from the Units surrendered for exchange will be remitted and the selling Certificateholder will not be permitted to advance any new funds in order to complete an exchange. Units of the Mortgage Securities Trust may only be acquired in blocks of 1,000 Units. Units of the Equity Securities Trust may only be acquired in blocks of 100 Units.

(3) The Sponsor reserves the right to suspend, modify or terminate the Exchange Privilege. The Sponsor will provide unitholders of the Trust with 60 days' prior written notice of any termination or material amendment to the Exchange Privilege, provided that, no notice need be given if (i) the only material effect of an amendment is to reduce or eliminate the sales charge payable at the time of the exchange, to add one or more series of the Trust eligible for the Exchange Privilege or to delete a series which has been terminated from eligibility for the Exchange Privilege, (ii) there is a suspension of the redemption of units of an Exchange Trust under Section 22(e) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, or (iii) an Exchange Trust temporarily delays or ceases the sale of its units because it is unable to invest amounts effectively in accordance with its investment objectives, policies and restrictions. During the 60 day notice period prior to the termination or material amendment of the Exchange Privilege described above, the Sponsor will continue to maintain a secondary market in the units of all Exchange Trusts that could be acquired by the affected unitholders. Unitholders may, during this 60 day period, exercise the Exchange Privilege in accordance with its terms then in effect. In the event the Exchange Privilege is not available to a Certificateholder at the time he wishes to exercise it, the Certificateholder will immediately be notified and no action will be taken with respect to his Units without further instructions from the Certificateholder.

To exercise the Exchange Privilege, a Certificateholder should notify the Sponsor of his desire to exercise his Exchange Privilege. If Units of a designated, outstanding series of an Exchange Trust are at the time available for sale and such Units may lawfully be sold in the state in which the Certificateholder is a resident, the Certificateholder will be provided with a current prospectus or prospectuses relating to each Exchange Trust in which he indicates an interest. He may then select the Trust or Trusts into which he desires to invest the proceeds from his sale of Units. The exchange transaction will operate in a manner essentially identical to a secondary market transaction except that units may be purchased at a reduced sales charge.

Example: Assume that after the initial public offering has been completed, a Certificateholder has five units of a Trust with a current value of $700 per unit which he has held for more than 5 months and the Certificateholder wishes to exchange the proceeds for units of a secondary market Exchange Trust with a current price of $725 per unit. The proceeds from the Certificateholder's original units will aggregate $3,500. Since only whole units of an Exchange Trust may be purchased under the Exchange Privilege, the Certificateholder would be able to acquire four units (or 4,000 Units of the Mortgage Securities Trust or 400 Units of the Equity Securities Trust) for a total cost of $2,960 ($2,900 for unit and $60 for the sales charge). The remaining $540 would be remitted to the Certificateholder in cash. If the Certificateholder acquired the same number of units at the same time in a regular secondary market transaction, the price would have been $3,068.80 ($2,900 for units and $168.80 for the sales charge, assuming a 5 1/2% sales charge times the public offering price).

The Conversion Offer

Unit owners of any registered unit investment trust for which there is no active secondary market in the units of such trust (a "Redemption Trust") may elect to redeem such units and apply the proceeds of the redemption to the purchase of available Units of one or more series of A Corporate Trust, Municipal Securities Trust, Insured Municipal Securities Trust, Mortgage Securities Trust, New York Municipal Trust or Equity Securities Trust (upon receipt by the Equity Securities Trust of an appropriate exemptive order from the Securities and Exchange Commission) sponsored by Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc. or the Sponsor (the "Conversion Trusts") at the Public Offering Price for units of the Conversion Trust based on a reduced sales charge as set forth below. Under the Conversion Offer, units of the Redemption Trust must be tendered to the trustee of such trust for redemption at the redemption price, which is based upon the aggregate bid side evaluation of the underlying bonds in such trust and is generally about 1-1.2% to 2% lower than the offering price for such bonds (or for Units of Equity Securities Trust, based on the market value of the underlying securities in the Equity Trust portfolio). The purchase price of the Units will be based on the aggregate offer price of the Bonds in the Conversion Trust portfolio (or for Units of Equity Securities Trust, based on the market value of the underlying securities in the Equity Trust portfolio) during the public offering of the Conversion Trust; or, based on the aggregate bid price of the underlying bonds if the initial public offering of the Conversion Trust has been completed, plus accrued interest (or for Units of Equity Securities Trust, based on the market value of the underlying securities in the Equity Trust portfolio) and a sales charge as set forth below.

Except for unitholders who wish to exercise the Conversion Offer within the first five months of their purchase of units of a Redemption Trust, the sales charge applicable to the purchase of Units of the Conversion Trust shall be $15 per Unit (or per 1,000 Units for the Mortgage Securities Trust or per 100 Units for the Equity Securities Trust). For unitholders who wish to exercise the Conversion Offer within the first five months of their purchase of units of a Redemption Trust, the sales charge applicable to the purchase of Units of a Conversion Trust shall be the greater of (i) $15 per Unit (or per 1,000 Units for the Mortgage Securities Trust or per 100 Units for the Equity Securities Trust) or (ii) an amount which when coupled with the sales charge paid by the unitholder upon his original purchase of units of the Redemption Trust at least equals the sales charge applicable in the direct purchase of Units of a Conversion Trust. The Conversion Offer is subject to the following limitations:

(1) The Conversion Offer is limited only to unit owners of any Redemption Trust, defined as a unit investment trust for which there is no active secondary market at the time the Certificateholder elects to participate in the Conversion Offer. At the time of the unit owner's election to participate in the Conversion Offer, there also must be available units of a Conversion Trust, either under a primary distribution or in the Sponsor's secondary market.

(2) Exchanges under the Conversion Offer will be effected in whole units only. Unit owners will not be permitted to advance any new funds in order to complete an exchange under the Conversion Offer. Any excess proceeds from units being redeemed will be returned to the unit owner. Units of the Mortgage Securities Trust may only be acquired in blocks of 1,000 Units. Units of the Equity Securities Trust may only be acquired in blocks of 100 Units.

(3) The Sponsor reserves the right to modify, suspend or terminate the Conversion Offer at any time without notice to unit owners of Redemption Trusts. In the event the Conversion Offer is not available to a unit owner at the time he wishes to exercise it, the unit owner will be notified immediately and no action will be taken with respect to his units without further instruction from the unit owner. The Sponsor also reserves the right to raise the sales charge based on actual increases in the Sponsor's costs and expenses

in connection with administering the program, up to a maximum sales charge of $20 per unit (or per 1,000 units for the Mortgage Securities Trust or per 100 units for the Equity Securities Trust).

To exercise the Conversion Offer, a unit owner of a Redemption Trust should notify his retail broker of his desire to redeem his Redemption Trust Units and use the proceeds from the redemption to purchase Units of one or more of the Conversion Trusts. If Units of a designated, outstanding series of a Conversion Trust are at that time available for sale and if such Units may lawfully be sold in the state in which the unit owner is a resident, the unit owner will be provided with a current prospectus or prospectuses relating to each Conversion Trust in which he indicates an interest. He then may select the Trust or Trusts into which he decides to invest the proceeds from the sale of his Units. The transaction will be handled entirely through the unit owner's retail broker. The retail broker must tender the units to the trustee of the Redemption Trust for redemption and then apply the proceeds to the redemption toward the purchase of units of a Conversion Trust at a price based on the aggregate offer or bid side evaluation per Unit of the Conversion Trust, depending on which price is applicable, plus accrued interest and the applicable sales charge. The certificates must be surrendered to the broker at the time the redemption order is placed and the broker must specify to the Sponsor that the purchase of Conversion Trust Units is being made pursuant to the Conversion Offer. The unit owner's broker will be entitled to retain $5 of the applicable sales charge.

Example: Assume a unit owner has five units of a Redemption Trust which has held for more than 5 months with a current redemption price of $675 per unit based on the aggregate bid price of the underlying bonds and the unit owner wishes to participate in the Conversion Offer and exchange the proceeds for units of a secondary market Conversion Trust with a current price of $750 per Unit. The proceeds from the unit owner's redemption of units will aggregate $3,375. Since only whole units of a Redemption Trust may be purchased under the Conversion Offer, the unit owner will be able to acquire four units of the Conversion Trust (or 4,000 Units of the Mortgage Securities Trust or 400 Units of the Equity Securities Trust) for a total cost of $2,860 ($2,800 for units and $60 for the sales charge). The remaining $515 would be remitted to the unit owner in cash. If the unit owner acquired the same number of Conversion Trust units at the same time in a regular secondary market transaction, the price would have been $2,962.96 ($2,800 for units and $162.96 sales charge, assuming a 5 1/2% sales charge times the public offering price).

Description of the Exchange Trusts and the Conversion Trusts

A Corporate Trust may be an appropriate investment vehicle for an investor who is more interested in a higher current return on his investment (although taxable) than a tax-exempt return (resulting from the fact that the current return from taxable fixed income securities is normally higher than that available from tax-exempt fixed income securities). Municipal Securities Trust and New York Municipal Trust may be appropriate investment vehicles for an investor who is more interested in tax-exempt income. The interest income from New York Municipal Trust is, in general, also exempt from New York State and local New York income taxes, while the interest income from Municipal Securities Trust is subject to applicable New York State and local New York taxes, except for that portion of the income which is attributable to New York obligations in the Trust portfolio, if any. The interest income from each State Trust of the Municipal Securities Trust, Multi-State Series is, in general, exempt from state and local taxes when held by residents of the state where the issuers of bonds in such State Trusts are located. The Insured Municipal Securities Trust combines the advantages of providing interest income free from regular federal income tax under existing law with the added safety of irrevocable insurance on the underlying obligations. Insured Navigator Series further combines the advantages of providing interest income free from regular federal income tax and state and local taxes when held by residents of the state where issuers of bonds in such state trusts are located with the added safety of irrevocable insurance on the underlying obligations. Mortgage Securities Trust offers an investment vehicle for investors who are interested in obtaining safety of capital and a high level of current distribution of interest income through investment in a fixed portfolio of collateralized mortgage obligations. Equity Securities Trust offers investors an opportunity to achieve capital appreciation together with a high level of current income.

Tax Consequences of the Exchange Privilege and the Conversion Offer

A surrender of Units pursuant to the Exchange Privilege or the Conversion Offer will constitute a "taxable event" to the Certificate-holder under the Code. The Certificateholder will realize a tax gain or loss that will be of a long- or short-term capital or ordinary income nature depending on the length of time the Units have been held and other factors. A Certificateholder's tax basis in the Units acquired pursuant to the Exchange Privilege or Conversion Offer will be equal to the purchase price of such Units. Investors should consult their own tax advisors as to the tax consequences to them of exchanging or redeeming units and participating in the Exchange Privilege or Conversion Offer.

OTHER MATTERS

Legal Opinions

The legality of the Units offered hereby and certain matters relating to federal tax law have been passed upon by Messrs. Battle Fowler, 280 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017 as counsel for the Sponsor. Messrs. Carter, Ledyard & Milburn, Two Wall Street, New York, New York 10005 have acted as counsel for United States Trust Company of New York. On the initial date of deposit, Messrs. Booth & Baron, 122 East 42nd Street, New York, New York 10168 acted as counsel for The Bank of New York.

Independent Auditors

The financial statements of the Trust included in Part A of this Prospectus as of the dates set forth in Part A, have been examined by KPMG Peat Marwick, independent certified public accountants, for the periods indicated in its reports appearing herein. The financial statements examined by KPMG Peat Marwick have been so included in reliance on its report given upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

DESCRIPTION OF BOND RATINGS*

Standard & Poor's Corporation

A brief description of the applicable Standard & Poor's Corporation rating symbols and their meanings is as follows:

A Standard & Poor's corporate or municipal bond rating is a current assessment of the creditworthiness of an obligor with respect to a specific debt obligation. This assessment of creditworthiness may take into consideration obligors such as guarantors, insurers, or lessees.

The bond rating is not a recommendation to purchase or sell a security, inasmuch as it does not comment as to market price.

The ratings are based on current information furnished to Standard & Poor's by the issuer and obtained by Standard & Poor's from other sources it considers reliable. The ratings may be changed, suspended or withdrawn as a result of changes in, or unavailability of, such information.

* As described by the rating agencies.

The ratings are based, in varying degrees, on the following considerations:

I. Likelihood of default-capacity and willingness of the obligor as to the timely payment of interest and repayment of principal in accordance with the terms of the obligation.

II. Nature of and provisions of the obligation.

III. Protection afforded by, and relative position of, the obligation in the event of bankruptcy, reorganization or other arrangement under the laws of bankruptcy and other laws affecting creditors' rights.

AAA -- This is the highest rating assigned by Standard & Poor's to a debt obligation and indicates an extremely strong capacity to pay principal and interest.

AA -- Bonds rated AA also qualify as high-quality debt obligations. Capacity to pay principal and interest is very strong, and they differ from AAA issues only in small degrees.

A -- Bonds rated A have a strong capacity to pay principal and interest, although they are somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions.

BBB -- Bonds rated BBB are regarded as having an adequate capacity to pay principal and interest. Whereas they normally exhibit adequate protection parameters, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity to pay principal and interest for bonds in this category than for bonds in the A category.

Plus (+) or Minus (-): To provide more detailed indications of credit quality, the ratings from "AA" to "BB" may be modified by the addition of a plus or minus sign to show relative standing within the major rating categories.

Provisional Ratings (Prov.) following a rating indicates the rating is provisional, which assumes the successful completion of the project being financed by the issuance of the bonds being rated and indicates that payment of debt service requirements is largely or entirely dependent upon the successful and timely completion of the project. This rating, however, while addressing credit quality subsequent to completion, makes no comment on the likelihood of, or the risk of default upon failure of, such completion. Accordingly, the investor should exercise his own judgment with respect to such likelihood and risk.

Moody's Investors Service, Inc.

A brief description of the applicable Moody's Investors Service, Inc. rating symbols and their meanings are as follows:

Aaa -- Bonds which are rated Aaa are judged to be of the best quality. They carry the smallest degree of investment risk and are generally referred to as "gilt edge". Interest payments are protected by a large or by an exceptionally stable margin and principal is secure. While the various protective elements are likely to change, such changes as can be visualized are most unlikely to impair the fundamentally strong position of such issues.

Aa -- Bonds which are rated Aa are judged to be of high quality by all standards. Together with the Aaa group they comprise what are generally known as high grade bonds. They are rated lower than the best bonds because margins of protection may not be as large as in Aaa securities or fluctuation of protective elements may be of greater amplitude or there may be other elements present which make the long-term risks appear somewhat larger than in Aaa securities.

A -- Bonds which are rated A possess many favorable investment attributes and are to be considered as upper medium grade obligations.

Factors giving security to principal and interest are considered adequate but elements may be present which suggest a susceptibility to impairment sometime in the future.

Baa -- Bonds which are rated Baa are considered as medium grade obligations, i.e., they are neither highly protected nor poorly secured. Interest payments and principal security appear adequate for the present but certain protective elements may be lacking or may be characteristically unreliable over any great length of time. Such bonds lack outstanding investment characteristics and in fact have speculative characteristics as well. The market value of the Baa-rated bonds is more sensitive to changes in economic circumstances. Aside from occasional speculative factors and the aforementioned economic circumstances applying to some bonds of this Class, Baa market valuations move in parallel with Aaa, Aa and A obligations during periods of economic normalcy, except in instances of oversupply.

Those bonds in the A and Baa group which Moody's believes possess the strongest investment attributes are designated by the symbol A 1 and Baa 1. Other A bonds comprise the balance of the group. These rankings (1) designate the bonds which offer the maximum in security within their quality group, (2) designate bonds which can be bought for possible upgrading in quality and (3) additionally afford the investor an opportunity to gauge more precisely the relative attractiveness of offerings in the marketplace.

Moody's applies numerical modifiers, 1, 2 and 3 in each generic rating classification from Aa through B in its corporate bond rating system. The modifier 1 indicates that the security ranks in the higher end of its generic rating category; the modifier 2 indicates a mid-range ranking; and the modifier 3 indicates that the issue ranks in the lower end of its generic rating category.

Con-Bonds for which the security depends upon the completion of some act or the fulfillment of some condition are rated conditionally. These are debt obligations secured by (a) earnings of projects under construction, (b) earnings of projects unseasoned in operating experience, (c) rentals which begin when facilities are completed, or (d) payments to which some other limiting condition attaches. Rating denotes probable credit stature upon completion of construction or elimination of basis of condition.

DESCRIPTION OF RATING*

A Standard & Poor's Corporation's rating on the units of an investment trust (hereinafter referred to collectively as "units" and "fund") is a current assessment of creditworthiness with respect to the investments held by such fund. This assessment takes into consideration the financial capacity of the issuers and of any guarantors, insurers, lessees, or mortgagors with respect to such investments. The assessment, however, does not take into account the extent to which fund expenses or portfolio asset sales for less than the fund's purchase price will reduce payment to the unit holder of the interest and principal required to be paid on the portfolio assets. In addition, the rating is not a recommendation to purchase, sell, or hold units, inasmuch as the rating does not comment as to market price of the units or suitability for a particular investor.

* As described by Standard & Poor's Corporation.

Funds rated "AAA" are composed exclusively of assets that are rated "AAA" by Standard & Poor's or have, in the opinion of Standard & Poor's, credit characteristics comparable to assets that are rated "AAA", or certain short-term investments. Standard & Poor's defines its AAA rating for such assets as the highest rating assigned by Standard & Poor's to a debt obligation. Capacity to pay interest and repay principal is very strong.

FOR USE WITH INSURED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES TRUST
SERIES 1 - 4 (MULTIPLIER PORTFOLIO)
SERIES 1 - 2 AND 1ST - 8TH DISCOUNT SERIES

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AUTHORIZATION FOR INVESTMENT IN MUNICIPAL SECURITIES TRUST
-- DISCOUNT SERIES/SERIES --
TRP PLAN - TOTAL REINVESTMENT PLAN

I hereby elect to participate in the TRP Plan and am the owner of _____ units ___ Discount Series/Series __________.

I hereby authorize The Bank of New York, Trustee to pay all semi-annual or annual distributions of interest and principal (if any) with respect to such units to The Bank of New York, as TRP Plan Agent, who shall immediately invest the distributions in units of the available series of Insured Municipal Securities Trust above or, if unavailable, of other available series of Municipal Securities Trust.

The foregoing authorization is subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of participation set forth in the prospectus relating to such available series.

Date ______________, 19__

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Registered Holder (Print)

Registered Holder (Print)

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Registered Holder Signature

Registered Holder Signature
(Two signatures if joint tenancy)

My Brokerage Firm's Name

Street Address

City, State and Zip Code

Salesman's Name ___________________________ Salesman's No.

UNIT HOLDERS NEED ONLY SIGN AND DATE THIS FORM.

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MAIL TO YOUR BROKER
OR
THE BANK OF NEW YORK

ATTN: UNIT INVESTMENT TRUST DIVISION
101 BARCLAY STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10286

FOR USE WITH INSURED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES TRUST
9TH - 46TH DISCOUNT SERIES
SERIES 3 - 19

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My Brokerage Firm's Name

Street Address

City, State and Zip Code

Salesman's Name ___________________________ Salesman's No.

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MAIL TO YOUR BROKER
OR
UNITED STATES TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK
ATTN: UNIT INVESTMENT DEPARTMENT, UNIT A
770 BROADWAY
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10003

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MUNICIPAL SECURITIES TRUST
(Unit Investment Trust)

Prospectus

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Sponsor:

Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc.
245 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10167
212-272-2500

Trustee:

United States Trust Company
of New York
770 Broadway
New York, New York 10003
1-800-428-8890

or

The Bank of New York
101 Barclay Street
New York, New York 10286
1-800-431-8002

Evaluator:

Kenny S&P Evaluation
Services
65 Broadway
New York, New York 10006

Parts A and B of this Prospectus do not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement and exhibits relating thereto, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C., under the Securities Act of 1933, and to which reference is made.

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This Prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, securities in any state to any person to whom it is not lawful to make such offer in such state.

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No person is authorized to give any information or to make any representations not contained in Parts A and B of this Prospectus; and any information or representation not contained herein must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the Trust, the Trustee, the Evaluator, or the Sponsor. The Trust is registered as a unit investment trust under the Investment Company Act of 1940. Such registration does not imply that the Trust or any of its Units have been guaranteed, sponsored, recommended or approved by the United States or any state or any agency or officer thereof.

PART II

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

CONTENTS OF REGISTRATION STATEMENT

This Post-Effective Amendment to the Registration Statement on Form S-6 comprises the following papers and documents:

The facing sheet on Form S-6.

The Cross-Reference Sheet.
The Prospectus consisting of   pages.
Signatures.
Consent of Independent Auditors.
Consent of Counsel (included in Exhibits 99.3.1 and 99.3.1.1).
Consents of the Evaluator and Confirmation of Ratings (included in Exhibit 99.5.1).

The following exhibits:

99.1.1 -- Form of Reference Trust Agreement, as amended (filed as Exhibit 1.1 to Amendment No. 1 to Form S-6 Registration Statements Nos. 33-02389, 33-03180, 33-04508, 33-05571 and 33-06441 of Insured Municipal Securities Trust, 17th Discount Series & Series 6, 18th Discount Series, 19th Discount Series & Series 7, 20th Discount Series and 21st Discount Series, respectively, on January 30, 1986, March 26, 1986, April 24, 1986, May 29, 1986 and June 25, 1986, respectively, and incorporated herein by reference).

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99.6.0 -- Power of Attorney of Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc., the Depositor, by its Officers and a majority of its Directors (filed as Exhibit 6.0 to Post-Effective Amendment No. 8 to Form S-6 Registration Statements Nos. 2-92113, 2-92660, 2-93073, 2-93884 and 2-94545 of Municipal Securities Trust, Multi-State Series 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, respectively, on October 30, 1992 and incorporated herein by reference).

* Being filed by this Amendment.

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

We consent to the use in these Post-Effective Amendments to the Registration Statements of our reports on the financial statements of Insured Municipal Securities Trust, 17th Discount Series; Insured Municipal Securities Trust, Series 6; Insured Municipal Securities Trust, 18th Discount Series; Insured Municipal Securities Trust, 19th Discount Series; Insured Municipal Securities Trust, Series 7; Insured Municipal Securities Trust, 20th Discount Series and Insured Municipal Securities Trust, 21st Discount Series included herein and to the reference to our firm under the heading "Independent Auditors" in the Prospectus which is part of this Registration Statement.

KPMG PEAT MARWICK

New York, New York
April 15, 1994

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrants, Insured Municipal Securities Trust, 17th Discount Series & Series 6, 18th Discount Series, 19th Discount Series & Series 7, 20th Discount Series and 21st Discount Series certify that they have met all of the requirements for effectiveness of this Post-Effective Amendment to the Registration Statements pursuant to Rule 485(b) under the Securities Act of 1933. The registrants have duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment to the Registration Statements to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of New York and State of New York on the 20th day of April, 1994.

INSURED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES TRUST,
17TH DISCOUNT SERIES & SERIES 6, 18TH DISCOUNT SERIES,

19TH DISCOUNT SERIES & SERIES 7, 20TH DISCOUNT SERIES
and 21ST DISCOUNT SERIES
(Registrants)

BEAR, STEARNS & CO. INC.
(Depositor)

By: PETER J. DeMARCO
(Authorized Signator)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Post-Effective Amendment to the Registration Statements has been signed below by the following persons who constitute the principal officers and a majority of the directors of Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc., the Depositor, in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Name	Title	Date
ALAN C. GREENBERG	Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer, Director and Senior Managing Director	)
JAMES E. CAYNE	President, Director and Senior Managing Director	) April 20, 1994
ALVIN H. EINBENDER	Chief Operating Officer, Executive Vice President, Director and Senior Managing Director	)
JOHN C. SITES, JR.	Executive Vice President, Director and Senior Managing Director	) By:PETER J. DeMARCO Attorney-in-Fact*
MICHAEL L. TARNOPOL	Executive Vice President, Director and Senior Managing Director	)
VINCENT J. MATTONE	Executive Vice President, Director and Senior Managing Director	)
ALAN D. SCHWARTZ	Executive Vice President, Director and Senior Managing Director	)
DOUGLAS P.C. NATION	Director and Senior Managing Director	)
WILLIAM J. MONTGORIS	Chief Financial Officer, Senior Vice President-Finance and Senior Managing Director	)
KENNETH L. EDLOW	Secretary and Senior Managing Director	)
MICHAEL MINIKES	Treasurer and Senior Managing Director	)
MICHAEL J. ABATEMARCO	Controller, Assistant Secretary and Senior Managing Director	)
MARK E. LEHMAN	Senior Vice President - General Counsel and Senior Managing Director	)
FREDERICK B. CASEY	Assistant Treasurer and Senior Managing Director	)

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* An executed power of attorney was filed as Exhibit 6.0 to Post-Effective Amendment No. 8 to Registration Statements Nos. 2-92113, 2-92660, 2-93073, 2-93884 and 2-94545 on October 30, 1992.

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KENNY S&P EVALUATION SERVICES
A Division of Kenny Information Systems, Inc.

65 Broadway
New York, New York 10006-2511
Telephone 212/770-4990

F.A. Shinal
Senior Vice President
Chief Financial Officer

April 29, 1994

Bear, Stearns & Co., Inc.
245 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10167

RE: Insured Municipal Securities Trust
17th Discount Series and Series 6

Gentlemen:

We have examined the post-effective Amendment to the Registration Statement File No. 33-02389 for the above-captioned trust. We hereby acknowledge that Kenny S&P Evaluation Services, a division of Kenny Information Systems, Inc. is currently acting as the evaluator for the trust. We hereby consent to the use in the Amendment of the reference to Kenny S&P Evaluation Services, a division of Kenny Information Systems, Inc. as evaluator.

In addition, we hereby confirm that the ratings indicated in the above-referenced Amendment to the Registration Statement for the respective bonds comprising the trust portfolio are the ratings currently indicated in our KENNYBASE database.

You are hereby authorized to file a copy of this letter with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Sincerely,

F. A. Shinal
Senior Vice President

FAS/cns

Standard & Poor's Corporation
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Re: Insured Municipal Securities Trust, 17th Discount Series and Series 6

We have received the post-effective amendment to the registration statement SEC file number 33-02389 for the above captioned trust.

Since the portfolio is composed solely of securities covered by bond insurance policies that insure against default in the payment of principal and interest on the securities for so long as they remain outstanding and such policies have been issued by one or more insurance companies which have been assigned 'AA' or better claims paying ability rating by S&P, we assign a 'AA-' rating to the units of the trust.

You have permission to use the name of Standard & Poor's Corporation and the above-assigned rating in connection with your dissemination of information relating to these units, provided, however, that this letter does not constitute S&P's consent to you using the name Standard & Poor's Corporation or the above-assigned rating in any prospectus or registration statement relating to the units or the trust. You understand that S&P has not consented to, and will not consent to, being named as an "expert" under the federal securities laws, including, without limitation, Section 7 of the Securities Act of 1933. In addition, it should be understood that the rating is not a "market" rating nor a recommendation to buy, hold, or sell the units of the trust. S&P reserves the right to advise its own clients, subscribers, and the public of the rating. Further, it should be undersood that the rating on the units does not take into account the extent to which fund expenses or portfolio asset sales for less than the fund's purchase price will reduce payment to the unit holders of the interest and principal required to be paid on the portfolio assets. S&P relies on the sponsor and its counsel, accountants, and other experts for the accuracy and completeness of the information submitted in connection with the ratings. S&P does not independently verify the truth or accuracy of any such information.

We are pleased to have had the opportunity to be of service to you. If we can be of further help, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Sincerely,

Vincent S. Orgo

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RE: Insured Municipal Securities Trust
18th Discount Series

Gentlemen:

We have examined the post-effective Amendment to the Registration Statement File No. 33-03180 for the above-captioned trust. We hereby acknowledge that Kenny S&P Evaluation Services, a division of Kenny Information Systems, Inc. is currently acting as the evaluator for the trust. We hereby consent to the use in the Amendment of the reference to Kenny S&P Evaluation Services, a division of Kenny Information Systems, Inc. as evaluator.

In addition, we hereby confirm that the ratings indicated in the above-referenced Amendment to the Registration Statement for the respective bonds comprising the trust portfolio are the ratings currently indicated in our KENNYBASE database.

You are hereby authorized to file a copy of this letter with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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Re: Insured Municipal Securities Trust, 18th Discount Series

We have received the post-effective amendment to the registration statement SEC file number 33-03180 for the above captioned trust.

Since the portfolio is composed solely of securities covered by bond insurance policies that insure against default in the payment of principal and interest on the securities for so long as they remain outstanding and such policies have been issued by one or more insurance companies which have been assigned 'AAA' claims paying ability ratings by S&P, we reaffirm the assignment of a 'AAA' rating to the units of the trust and a 'AAA' rating to the securities contained in the trust.

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This letter evidences our consent to the use of the name of Standard & Poor's Corporation in connection with the rating assigned to the units in the amendment referred to above. However, this letter should not be construed as a consent by us, within the meaning of Section 7 of the Securities Act of 1933, to the use of the name of Standard & Poor's Corporation in connection with the ratings assigned to the securities contained in the trust. You are hereby authorized to file a copy this letter with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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RE: Insured Municipal Securities Trust
19th Discount Series and Series 7

Gentlemen:

We have examined the post-effective Amendment to the Registration Statement File No. 33-04508 for the above-captioned trust. We hereby acknowledge that Kenny S&P Evaluation Services, a division of Kenny Information Systems, Inc. is currently acting as the evaluator for the trust. We hereby consent to the use in the Amendment of the reference to Kenny S&P Evaluation Services, a division of Kenny Information Systems, Inc. as evaluator.

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Re: Insured Municipal Securities Trust, 19th Discount Series and Series 7

We have received the post-effective amendment to the registration statement SEC file number 33-04508 for the above captioned trust.

Since the portfolio is composed solely of securities covered by bond insurance policies that insure against default in the payment of principal and interest on the securities for so long as they remain outstanding and such policies have been issued by one or more insurance companies which have been assigned 'AAA' claims paying ability ratings by S&P, we reaffirm the assignment of a 'AAA' rating to the units of the trust and a 'AAA' rating to the securities contained in the trust.

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RE: Insured Municipal Securities Trust
20th Discount Series

Gentlemen:

We have examined the post-effective Amendment to the Registration Statement File No. 33-05571 for the above-captioned trust. We hereby acknowledge that Kenny S&P Evaluation Services, a division of Kenny Information Systems, Inc. is currently acting as the evaluator for the trust. We hereby consent to the use in the Amendment of the reference to Kenny S&P Evaluation Services, a division of Kenny Information Systems, Inc. as evaluator.

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Re: Insured Municipal Securities Trust, 20th Discount Series

We have received the post-effective amendment to the registration statement SEC file number 33-05571 for the above captioned trust.

Since the portfolio is composed solely of securities covered by bond insurance policies that insure against default in the payment of principal and interest on the securities for so long as they remain outstanding and such policies have been issued by one or more insurance companies which have been assigned 'AAA' claims paying ability ratings by S&P, we reaffirm the assignment of a 'AAA' rating to the units of the trust and a 'AAA' rating to the securities contained in the trust.

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RE: Insured Municipal Securities Trust
21st Discount Series

Gentlemen:

We have examined the post-effective Amendment to the Registration Statement File No. 33-06441 for the above-captioned trust. We hereby acknowledge that Kenny S&P Evaluation Services, a division of Kenny Information Systems, Inc. is currently acting as the evaluator for the trust. We hereby consent to the use in the Amendment of the reference to Kenny S&P Evaluation Services, a division of Kenny Information Systems, Inc. as evaluator.

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