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AMERICAN BANKERS INSURANCE GROUP, INC.

(Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP, INC.

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AIG GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION OF HART-SCOTT-
RODINO WAITING PERIOD ON AMERICAN BANKERS ACQUISITION

NEW YORK, February 2, 1998 -- American International Group, Inc. (AIG) has announced that it has been granted early termination of the waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976 with respect to its pending acquisition of American Bankers Insurance Group, Inc. (American Bankers). The early termination, which was effective on January 30, 1998, also applies to the option to acquire 19.9 percent of American Bankers common stock at \$47.00 per share.

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American International Group, Inc. (AIG) may solicit proxies in favor of the acquisition of American Bankers Insurance Group, Inc. (American Bankers) by AIG. The participants in this solicitation may include AIG, the directors of AIG (M. Bernard Aidinoff, Lloyd M. Bentsen, Pei-yuan Chia, Marshall A. Cohen, Barber B. Conable, Jr., Martin S. Feldstein, Leslie L. Gonda, Evan G. Greenberg, M.R. Greenberg, Carla A. Hills, Frank J. Hoenemeyer, Edward E. Matthews, Dean P. Phypers, Howard I. Smith, Thomas R. Tizzio, Edmund S.W. Tse and Frank G. Wisner) and the following executive officers and employees of AIG: Edmund J. Burke (Assistant Manager, Public Relations); Florence A. Davis (Vice President and General Counsel); William N. Dooley (Vice President and Treasurer); Charlene M. Hamrah (Director of Investor Relations); Joseph M. Norton, Jr. (Director of Public Relations); David Przywara (Assistant Director of Investor Relations); John T. Wooster, Jr. (Vice President, Communications) and Louis F. Zearo (Vice President and Deputy Comptroller). Certain of the directors of AIG are also executive officers of AIG. AIG may contact holders of shares of American Bankers preferred stock and common stock by mail, telephone, facsimile, telegraph, the Internet, newspapers or other publications of general distribution and personal interviews. AIG will bear the expenses of any solicitation made by AIG.

As of the date of this communication, AIG has no interest, direct or indirect, in any securities of American Bankers, except that AIG has given notice of its intent to exercise an option to purchase up to 19.9% of the outstanding shares of American Bankers common stock, which option was previously granted to AIG by American Bankers. Such option and AIG's exercise thereof are more fully described in a Schedule 13D that AIG has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Other than as set forth above, as of the date of this communication, none of AIG or, to the knowledge of AIG, any of the persons listed above, has any security holdings in American Bankers.

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AIG is the leading U.S.-based international insurance organization and among the largest underwriters of commercial and industrial insurance in the United States. Its member companies write property, casualty, marine, life and financial services insurance in approximately 130 countries and jurisdictions, and are engaged in a range of financial services businesses. American International Group, Inc.'s common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange, as well as the stock exchanges in London, Paris, Switzerland and Tokyo.

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