BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES IN Form 424B3 August 13, 2001	IC							
PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 65 DATED: August 8, 2001 (To Prospectus dated January 11, 2001, and Prospectus Supplement dated January 11, 2001)					Rule 424(b)(3) File No. 333-52902			
\$9,015,893,162 THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC. MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES B								
Principal Amount: \$100,	Principal Amount: \$100,000,000 Fl			Floating Rate Notes [x] Book Entry Notes [x]				
Original Issue Date: 8/	Original Issue Date: 8/13/2001		Fixed Rate Notes []			Certificated Notes []		
Maturity Date: 8/12/20	Maturity Date: 8/12/2002		CUSIP#: 073928UY7					
Option to Extend Maturi	ty:	No Yes		Final M	aturity	Date:		
Redeemable On	Redemption Price(s)			Optional Repayment Date(s)		Price(s)		
N/A	N/	N/A		N/A		N/A		
Applicable Only to Fixed Rate Notes:								
Interest Rate:								
Interest Payment Dates:								
Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:								
Interest Rate Basis:			М	Maximum Interest Rate: N/A				
[] Commercial Paper R	[] Commercial Paper Rate			Minimum Interest Rate: N/A				
[] Federal Funds Effective Rate								
[x] Federal Funds Open Rate +			I	<pre>Interest Reset Date(s): Daily ++</pre>				
[] Treasury Rate			I	Interest Reset Period: Daily				
[] LIBOR Reuters			I	<pre>Interest Payment Date(s): *</pre>				
[] LIBOR Telerate								
[] Prime Rate								
[] CMT Rate								
Initial Interest Rate: 3.91%				Interest Payment Period: Quarterly				
Index Maturity: N/A								
Spread (plus or minus):	Spread (plus or minus): + 0.16%							
+ Rate for Federal F	+ Rate for Federal Funds as reported on Telerate Page 5 under the heading							

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"Federal Funds/Open".

- ++ Interest Determination Dates are the same Business Day as the Interest Reset Dates.
- * On the 12th of November, February, May and at Maturity.

The distribution of Notes will conform to the requirements set forth in Rule 2720 of the NASD Conduct Rules.