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Richard L. Duchossois, Chairman, Arlington International Racecourse Ltd.

Richard Duchossois is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of Duchossois Industries, which is owned by Mr. Duchossois and his four children. The company is a diversified manufacturing and service organization, headquartered in Elmhurst, Illinois.

A native of Chicago, he has spent his entire business and professional careers in this area and has made Chicago the headquarters for his various enterprises.

The principal operating subsidiaries of Duchossois Industries are Thrall Car Manufacturing Company, a major designer and manufacturer of railroad freight cars; Transportation Corporation of America, a major lessor of capital goods equipment including freight cars; Chamberlain Manufacturing and Chamberlain Technology Companies, manufacturers and developers of ordinance and other strategic items for government and civil uses; Chamberlain Consumer Products, manufacturer of electronic products for household and business; Duchossois Communications Company, owner and operator of radio and television stations; and Arlington International Racecourse Ltd. and Quad City Downs.

Mr. Duchossois graduated from Morgan Park Military Academy and was attending Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, when he was called to active military service. Having served in five European campaigns, he was awarded various citations and released from active service as a Major in 1946.

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He holds a bachelor’s degree from California Polytechnic State University, a master’s degree from Washington State University and a Ph.D. from Purdue University. Before coming to the University of Illinois he was on the faculty of Ohio State University.

Dean Gomes’ academic career, which saw him become one of the leading authorities on animal reproduction, coincided with rapid change in dairying. Two overseas stints—in 1974 as a Fulbright-Hays Distinguished Traveling Professor at the College of Medicine at the University of Zagreb, Yugoslavia; and in 1980 as a visiting scholar at Japan’s Kyoto University—provided a broader view of the increasing role of international factors in U.S. agriculture. He has since represented the University of Illinois in Canada, Egypt, France, Greece, Kenya, Pakistan and the Soviet Union.

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Thomas H. Miner, President, The Mid-America Committee for International Business and Government Cooperation, Inc.

Recognized since the 1960s as a leader in international relations, Tom Miner is founder and chairman of The Mid-America Committee for International Business and Government Cooperation, Inc. Midwest members are comprised of major multinational companies in manufacturing, service, finance, agribusiness, and insurance. An active member in many internationally-oriented business and philanthropic organizations he became one of the first members of the National Council for United States-China Trade in 1973.

Mr. Miner has recently reported that Mr. Miner has been traveling to the Soviet Union honorably for more than a year: “He operates a restaurant near Red Square and says he has options to lease and renovate twenty-two buildings nearby for rent to Western firms seeking office space.”

Among his many pursuits, Mr. Miner has been a member of the executive committee of the National Export Expansion Council and chairman of its Action Committee on Trade and Investment in Developing Countries; is past president and director of the International Trade Club of Chicago and is past chairman of the United Nations Association of Chicago and Illinois.

After attending the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, he received his B.A. in economics from Knox College and his J.D. from the University of Illinois College of Law.