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Februa	PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 3 DATED: January 30, 2002 (To Prospectus dated January 25, 2002, and Prospectus Supplement dated January 25, 2002)					Rule 424(b)(3) File No. 333-76894			
	\$10,006,693,162 THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC. MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES B								
	Principal Amount: \$25,0	Floating Rate Notes [] Book Entry Notes					[x]		
	Original Issue Date: 2/1/		Fixed Rate Notes [x]			Certificated Notes []			
	Maturity Date: 3/3/200	3	CUSIP	#: 073	3928WH2				
	Option to Extend Maturi	ty:		[x] []	Final Matur	rity Date	ty Date:		
	Redeemable On	Redem Pric			Optional Repayment Date(s)		Optional Repayment Price(s)		
	N/A	N	I/A				N/A		
	Applicable Only to Fixed Rate Notes:								
	Interest Rate: 2.54% Interest Payment Date(s): * Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:								
	<pre>Interest Rate Basis: [] Commercial Paper Rate</pre>			Má	aximum Interest	Rate:	Rate:		
				Minimum Interest			Rate:		
	[] Federal Funds Effective Rate								
	[] Federal Funds Open Rate [] Treasury Rate [] LIBOR Reuters			Ir	nterest Reset D	ate(s):			
				Ir	<pre>Interest Reset Period: Interest Payment Date(s):</pre>				
				Ir					
	[] LIBOR Telerate								
	[] Prime Rate								
	[] CMT Rate								
	Initial Interest Rate:		Ir	nterest Payment	Period:				
	Index Maturity:								
	Spread (plus or minus):								

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* September 3, 2002 and at Maturity.

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