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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC

Form 8-K February 15, 2001

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) February 15, 2001

THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE File No. 1-8989 13-3286161

(State or other (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer jurisdiction of incorporation) (IRS Employer Identification Number)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 272-2000

Not Applicable
----(former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

Filed herewith is a copy of The Bear Stearns Companies Inc. (the "Company") Press Release, dated February 15, 2001, announcing the execution of a definitive agreement to acquire Wagner Stott Mercator, LLC.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits

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(a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired:

Not applicable.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information:

Not applicable.

- (c) Exhibits:
 - (99) Press Release, dated February 15, 2001.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.

By: /s/ Marshall J Levinson

Marshall J Levinson

Controller and Assistant Secretary (Principal Accounting Officer)

Dated: February 15, 2001

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

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