

PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE CO

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Report for the Calendar Year or Quarter Ended: December 31, 2001
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 adds new holdings entries.

Institutional Investment Manager Filing this Report:

Name: Principal Life Insurance Company
Address: 711 High Street
Des Moines, IA 50392

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The institutional investment manager filing this report and the person by whom it is signed hereby represent that the person signing the report is authorized to submit it, that all information contained herein is true, correct and complete, and that it is understood that all required items, statements, schedules, lists, and tables, are considered integral parts of this form.

Person Signing this Report on Behalf of Reporting Manager:

Name: Michael Roughton
Title: Vice-President
Phone: 515-248-3842

Signature, Place, and Date of Signing:

Michael Roughton Des Moines, Iowa February 14, 2002

Report Type (Check only one.):

13F HOLDINGS REPORT.
 13F NOTICE.
 13F COMBINATION REPORT.

List of Other Managers Reporting for this Manager:
Form 13F File Number: 28-
Name: Principal Financial Group, Inc.

I AM SIGNING THIS REPORT AS REQUIRED BY THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.

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