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RULE 901 (d) OF REGULATION S-T

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

Schedule 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 2)*

Gilead Sciences, Inc.
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, Par Value \$.001 per share
(Title of Class of Securities)

375558103
(CUSIP Number)

Check the following box if a fee is being paid with this statement . (A fee is not required only if the filing person: (1) has a previous statement on file reporting beneficial ownership of more than five percent of the class of securities described in Item 1; and (2) has filed no amendment subsequent thereto reporting beneficial ownership of five percent or less of such class.)
(See Rule 13d-7.)

* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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CUSIP NO. 375558103

(1) Names of Reporting Persons S.S. or I.R.S.
Identification Nos. of Above Persons:

First Union Corporation 56-0898180

(2) Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a
Group (See Instructions)

(a)
(b)

(3) SEC Use Only

(4) Citizenship or Place of Organization:

North Carolina

Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each
Reporting Person with:

(5) Sole Voting Power	0
(6) Shared Voting Power	0
(7) Sole Dispositive Power	0
(8) Shared Dispositive Power	0

(9) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each
Reporting Person

0

(10) Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row 9
Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

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(11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in
Row 9

0.00 % (based on 29,734,000 shares
outstanding on 12/31/97)

(12) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

First Union Corporation (HC)

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Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:

Gilead Sciences, Inc.

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive
Offices:

333 Lakeside Drive
Foster City, CA 94404

Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing:

First Union Corporation

Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office:

One First Union Center
Charlotte, North Carolina 28288-0137

Item 2(c) Citizenship:

North Carolina

Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock, Par Value \$.001 per share

Item 2(e) CUSIP Number:

375558103

Item 3 If this statement is filed pursuant to
Rules 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b), check
whether the person filing is a:

(g) Parent Holding Company, in
accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)
(ii) (G)

Item 4 Ownership.

 (a) Amount Beneficially Owned:
 0

 (b) Percent of Class:
 0.00%

 Number of shares as to which such person
 has:

 (i) sole power to vote or to direct the
 vote
 0

 (ii) shared power to vote or to direct the
 vote
 0

 (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct
 the disposition of
 0

 (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct
 the disposition of
 0

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Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a
 Class.

[X]

Item 6 Ownership of More Than Five Percent on
 Behalf of Another Person.

Not applicable

Item 7 Identification and Classification of the
 Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security
 Being Reported on by the Parent Holding
 Company.

First Union Corporation is filing this
schedule pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b)(ii)(G)
as indicated under Item
3(g).

Item 8 Identification and Classification of
 Members of the Group.

Not applicable

Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not applicable

Item 10 Certification.

By signing below, I certify that, to the
best of my knowledge and belief, the
securities referred to above were
acquired in the ordinary course of
business and were not acquired for the
purpose of and do not have the effect of
changing or influencing the control of
the issuer of such securities and were
not acquired in connection with or as a
participant in any transaction having
such purposes or effect.

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Signature.

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

FIRST UNION CORPORATION

February 11, 1998
Date

Signature

Karen F. Knudtsen, Assistant Vice President &
Compliance Officer