

**FEDERAL RESERVE BANK**  
OF DALLAS

Dallas, Texas, November 3, 1961

**To All Banks in the  
Eleventh Federal Reserve District:**

Another in a series of surveys has been made to determine the progress of Eleventh District banks in preprinting their checks to show the routing symbol-ABA number in magnetic ink. The results of the survey are as follows:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Number of Checks Surveyed</u>	<u>Number of Checks Conforming</u>	<u>Percentage of Conformity</u>
Dallas			
City	45,485	23,346	51.33
Country*	253,745	83,626	32.96
El Paso			
City	9,594	3,023	31.51
Country	34,170	11,178	32.71
Houston			
City	23,622	8,009	33.90
Country*	122,983	43,513	35.38
San Antonio			
City	24,109	4,385	18.19
Country*	105,623	27,079	25.64

\*A breakdown for larger points is shown on the other side of this letter.

Many banks have made outstanding progress in preprinting their checks; however, the percentage of conforming items in this District is somewhat lower than the national average.

As a number of banks either have installed or are scheduled to install high-speed equipment, it becomes increasingly important to have items in check collection channels that can be handled on the equipment. Therefore, banks are urged to proceed as rapidly as possible with their preprinting plans in order to support and facilitate the check mechanization program.

Yours very truly,

Watrous H. Irons  
President

### BREAKDOWN FOR CERTAIN LARGER POINTS

<u>City</u>	<u>Number of Checks Surveyed</u>	<u>Number of Checks Conforming</u>	<u>Percentage of Conformity</u>
Abilene, Texas	4,169	845	20.27
Amarillo, Texas	4,584	506	11.04
Austin, Texas	7,020	3,428	48.83
Beaumont, Texas	5,906	4,037	68.35
Corpus Christi, Texas	7,824	2,693	34.42
Fort Worth, Texas	8,796	3,728	42.38
Lubbock, Texas	5,753	1,203	20.91
Waco, Texas	3,199	1,158	36.20
Wichita Falls, Texas	4,253	1,243	29.23
Shreveport, Louisiana	9,606	1,258	13.10