

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF DALLAS
DALLAS, TEXAS 75222

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ENDORSEMENT OF CERTAIN CHECKS
DRAWN ON THE TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES

To All Banks and Others Concerned
in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District:

Enclosed is an announcement from the Treasury Department, Fiscal Service, dated December 2, 1968, advising that in the calendar year 1969, from January to July, the Treasury's Bureau of Accounts will issue about 30 million checks preprinted on the back in a format different from that on regular checks.

As indicated, these checks will provide a line designated for the payee to insert his address, in his own handwriting. This is an experiment by the Treasury to find out whether the inclusion of the address will afford greater protection against forgeries.

Additional copies of the announcement will be furnished upon request.

Yours very truly,

P. E. Coldwell

President

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OFFICE OF
TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

FISCAL SERVICE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

December 2, 1968

TO ALL BANKS, BANKERS AND OTHERS CONCERNED:

In calendar year 1969, from January to July, the Treasury's Bureau of Accounts will issue about 30 million checks preprinted on the back in a format different from that on regular checks. Below the space for the payee's endorsement there will be a line designated for the payee to insert his address in his own handwriting. Altogether about 600 million Treasury checks will be issued during that year, but the others will not carry the address line. A specimen of the special format is shown below.

This is an experiment. By it the Treasury hopes to find out whether the addition by the payees of their addresses in their own handwriting will afford them and those who cash their checks (merchants, banks and others) greater protection against forgeries.

The checks to be used in the six-month test are those issued for veterans compensation and pensions, the one class of payments covering a single program with an appropriate volume for the test; the use of this class of payments has no special significance otherwise.

The payee's insertion of his address on these checks is not a mandatory condition for their payment upon presentment to the Treasurer of the United States. In short, the omission of the address will not, of itself, cause dishonor of a check. Nevertheless, we urgently request the cooperation of the payees, and those who cash their checks, to assure that addresses are written in. Otherwise, the test will not produce meaningful results.

Acting Treasurer

IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURE

When cashing this check for the individual payee, you should require full identification and endorsement in your presence, as claims against endorsers may otherwise result.

If the endorsement is made by mark (X) it must be witnessed by two persons who can write, giving their places of residence in full.

It is suggested that this check be promptly negotiated.

Signature(s) of Payee(s)

Address of Payee(s)