



FEDERAL RESERVE BANK  
OF DALLAS

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DALLAS, TEXAS  
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**Notice 97-43**

**TO:** The Chief Operating Officer of each  
financial institution and others concerned  
in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District

**SUBJECT**

**Random Print Errors on IRS  
Tax Refund Checks**

**DETAILS**

The U.S. Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service, Austin Financial Center, has identified a random print error on some U.S. Treasury checks produced during the week of April 7, 1997. Intermittent printer hardware errors resulted in some checks having the 'X' character replaced with a 'B' character and the 'Z' character replaced with a 'C' character. So far, this appears to be limited to IRS tax refund checks. These checks are negotiable. The problem is random and appears to be limited to a small number of checks. The cause of this problem has been identified and corrected. The MICR line is *not* impacted by the misprintings, which occur primarily in the payee/address lines.

Please circulate a copy of this notice to all those in your organization who receive and process IRS tax refund checks.

**ATTACHMENT**

Printed on the reverse of this notice is a sample of checks with the errors.

**MORE INFORMATION**

For more information, please contact Jim Phillips at (214) 922-6567. For additional copies of this Bank's notice, please contact the Public Affairs Department at (214) 922-5254.

Sincerely,

*Helen E. Holcomb*

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For additional copies, bankers and others are encouraged to use one of the following toll-free numbers in contacting the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas: Dallas Office (800) 333-4460; El Paso Branch *Intrastate* (800) 592-1631, *Interstate* (800) 351-1012; Houston Branch *Intrastate* (800) 392-4162, *Interstate* (800) 221-0363; San Antonio Branch *Intrastate* (800) 292-5810.

**United States Treasury** <sup>15-51</sup>/<sub>000</sub> A 481,158,573

04 08 97 44 AUSTIN, TEXAS - 2300 34790354


95-4499012 110-212968933KEO FRESNO F-940 REF

Pay to the order of **CHAMROEUM KEO** 12/96  
**W.C. FASHION** 54  
 2698 JUNIPERO AVE STE 111  
 SIGNAL HILL CA 90806-2145

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**United States Treasury** <sup>15-51</sup>/<sub>000</sub> A 481,151,797

04 08 97 62 AUSTIN, TEXAS 2300 34800937

11-3027447 113 212922991JAYC OGDEN CVLPEN REF


Pay to the order of **JAY CONSULTING SERVICES, INC** 12/92  
 1711 EAST OLIVE WAY SUITE 407 37  
 SEATTLE WA 98102-5611

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**United States Treasury** <sup>15-51</sup>/<sub>000</sub> A 481,123,510

04 11 97 33 AUSTIN, TEXAS - 2300 30149568

451-39-6855 130 012961876CAPA AUSTIN TAB REFUND

Pay to the order of **MARLYN CAPATA** 12/96  
 4305 OREILLY 68  
 HOUSTON TX 77007-7324

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