





he year 1988 represented an important milestone for the Federal Reserve System; it was 75 years earlier, on December 23, 1913, that the Federal Reserve Act creating the System was signed into law.

The Reserve Banks themselves commenced operations in the following year. Accordingly, we at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis will be recognizing our 75th anniversary in 1989. In this connection, the Bank will publish a history of its founding and also host a series of events during the year for employees, financial institutions and the public.

It is indeed timely that we have occasion to pause briefly and look back. The environment in which the Bank operates continues to change very rapidly, as it has for some years now. We have adapted to these changes, but never want to lose sight of the foundations that are so important to us. So, as we again look to the future in this, our anniversary year, we hope that you will join us in recognizing the Bank's first 75 years of service.

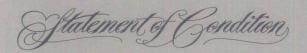
The remainder of this report summarizes the financial status and certain operating statistics of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis and its three branches. In addition, it lists the Bank's boards of directors and officers who will guide us through the coming year.

Key officer changes since our last report include the addition of Henry H. Bourgaux as senior vice president for Operations and the promotion of Kristi D. Short to vice president for Electronic Services and Marketing. At our branches, John F. Breen was promoted to senior vice president and branch manager in Little Rock, Howard Wells was promoted to vice president and branch manager in Louisville, and Raymond H. Laurence was added as vice president and branch manager in Memphis.

Finally, we wish to thank the retiring directors who have served us so capably: Robert J. Sweeney, St. Louis; Robert C. Connor, Little Rock; Allan S. Hanks, Louisville; and William H. Brandon, Jr., Memphis.

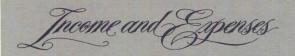
Thomas C. Melzer

President and Chief Executive Officer



(thousands of dollars)

	December 31,	December 31
Assets	1988	1987
Gold certificate account	\$ 368,000	\$ 351,000
Special Drawing Rights certificate account	160,000	160,000
Coin	29,129	27,845
Loans to depository institutions	94,595	38,147
Securities:		
Federal agency obligations	204,979	218,128
U.S. Government securities	6,875,187	6,321,843
Total securities	\$7,080,166	\$6,539,971
Cash items in process of collection	422,413	501,849
Bank premises (net)	20,918	19,971
Other assets	411,898	371,092
Interdistrict settlement account	742,106	723,405
TOTAL ASSETS	\$9,329,225	\$8,733,280
Liabilities		
Federal Reserve notes	\$7,846,924	\$6,941,914
Deposits:		
Depository institutions	874,470	1,165,633
Foreign	4,200	4,650
Other	7,101	20,460
Total deposits	\$ 885,771	\$1,190,743
Deferred availability cash items	388,504	407,472
Other liabilities	91,106	77,111
Interdistrict settlement account	0	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$9,212,305	\$8,617,240
Capital Accounts		
Capital paid in	\$ 58,460	\$ 58,020
Surplus	58,460	58,020
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$ 116,920	\$ 116,040
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$9,329,225	\$8,733,280



(thousands of dollars)

Current Income	1988	1987
Interest on loans to depository institutions	\$ 7,101	\$ 3,663
Interest on government securities	529,482	469,887
Earnings on foreign currency	8,464	10,668
Revenue from priced services	28,725	29,119
All other income	461	445
Total current income	\$574,233	\$513,782
Current Expenses		
Current operating expenses	\$ 62,392	\$ 60,229
Less expenses reimbursed	(7,269)	(8,008)
Current net operating expenses	\$ 55,123	\$ 52,221
Cost of earnings credits	4,598	4,347
Current net expenses	\$ 59,721	\$ 56,568
CURRENT NET INCOME	\$514,512	\$457,214
Profit and Loss		
Additions to current net income:		
Profit on sales of government securities (net)	\$ 655	\$ 1,210
Profit on foreign exchange transactions (net)	1	55,933
All other additions	0	32
Total additions	\$ 656	\$ 57,175
Deductions from current net income:		
Loss on foreign exchange transactions (net)	\$ 14,305	\$ 0
All other deductions	7	175
Total deductions	\$ 14,312	\$ 175
Net additions or deductions	\$(13,656)	\$ 57,000
Cost of unreimbursed Treasury service	(1,217)	(3,396)
Assessment by Board of Governors:		
Expenditures	\$ (2,376)	\$ (2,503)
Federal Reserve currency costs	(5,379)	(5,146)
NET INCOME AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION	\$491,884	\$503,169
Distribution of Net Income		
Dividends paid	\$ (3,495)	\$ (3,462)
Payments to the U.S. Treasury		
(interest on Federal Reserve notes)	(487,949)	(499,441)
Transferred to surplus	440	266
Surplus, January 1	58,020	57,754
Surplus, December 31	\$ 58,460	\$ 58,020



Operations	Number of Pieces Handled		Dollar Amount (thousands)	
	1988	1987	1988	1987
SERVICES TO DEPOSITORY				
INSTITUTIONS				
Cash Services:				
Currency Received and Counted	614,080,000	580,283,000	\$ 6,841,600	\$ 6,731,900
Coin Received and Counted	695,858,000	915,443,000	66,936	104,500
Check Services:				
U.S. Government Checks	34,125,000	33,608,000	30,091,300	29,552,500
Postal Money Orders	144,166,000	146,436,000	13,188,800	12,551,200
All Other	576,846,000	543,247,000	354,686,000	311,506,500
ACH Services:				
Commercial	42,087,000	32,306,000	256,839,300	199,553,400
U.S. Government	18,916,000	17,848,000	14,070,300	10,249,900
Collection Services:				
U.S. Government Coupons Paid	71,000	91,000	28,400	43,000
All Other	220,554	267,449	465,900	476,300
Wire Transfer of Funds:	2,787,319	2,709,600	3,457,700,000	3,552,198,000
Loans to Depository Institutions:	2,313	2,169	4,565,700	4,963,100
SERVICES TO U.S. TREASURY				
Issues, Redemptions, & Exchanges of				
U.S. Government Securities:	6,712,915	7,174,977	\$ 193,206,900	\$ 201,573,500
Food Stamps Redeemed:	166,057,000	163,759,000	796,500	728,300



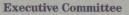
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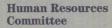
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