

**FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
OF NEW YORK**

Fiscal Agent of the United States

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RECORDING PAYMENT DATA ON PAID SAVINGS BONDS

Use of Payment Stamps

*To All Qualified Paying Agents of Savings Bonds
in the Second Federal Reserve District:*

The Memorandum of Instructions and Explanation issued in conjunction with Treasury Department Circular No. 750, Revised, prescribing regulations governing payments by banks and other financial institutions in connection with the redemption of United States Savings Bonds, provides, in paragraph 29, for the use of a single payment stamp to be placed in the upper right portion of the face of each bond, and that:

* * * In any recording made on the face of a bond by an agent, extreme care should be exercised to prevent defacing the bond's serial number, the name and address of any of the owners or the beneficiary, if any, the issue or maturity dates, or the issuing agent's validating stamp.

Some paying agents habitually place as many as two stamps in addition to the required "PAID" stamp on the face of the bonds and in many instances in a manner that partially or wholly obscures inscriptions, bond serial numbers, and issue dates. This practice is unauthorized and is causing considerable additional work in connection with bond microfilming operations.

Will you please issue instructions to those concerned in your institution that only the "PAID" stamp should be placed on the face of a bond in the upper right portion, and in a manner that will not cause pertinent information to become illegible. Additional stamps used for your convenience should be imprinted on the back of a bond.

ALLAN SPROUL,
President.