## FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK

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## Assistance to Banks in Areas Flooded by Hurricane Agnes

To All Member Banks, and Others Concerned, in the Second Federal Reserve District:

The following statement was issued yesterday by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System:

The Federal Reserve System today moved to facilitate efforts of banks in the areas flooded due to Hurricane Agnes to accommodate the credit needs of their customers for reconstruction and rehabilitation purposes.

Under arrangements established by the System's Board of Governors in Washington, the Federal Reserve Banks whose districts encompass the involved areas are authorized:

- 1. To waive penalties on member banks for failure to maintain the reserve balances they are required to keep with the Reserve Banks.
- 2. To make appropriate credit available to banks, to help them meet the unusual circumstances in their areas.

In addition, this Bank is prepared to make emergency shipments of needed currency and coin to banks in the affected areas, in accordance with the provisions of our Operating Circular No. 3.

ALFRED HAYES,

President.