

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
OF NEW YORK

July 19, 1974

COUNTERFEIT TREASURY BILLS

To All Banking Institutions
in the Second Federal Reserve District:

The Treasury Department has requested that this Bank supplement its notice of February 8, 1974, with respect to counterfeit Treasury bills, as follows:

1. Description of Counterfeits

The counterfeits purport to be \$10,000 Treasury bills issued August 28, 1973 and due and payable August 27, 1974 (CUSIP No. 912793 TW6).

The legend "E 1966-6" appears to the right of the signature of George P. Shultz, Secretary of the Treasury. The back plate number "9" appears in the lower left inner corner of the frame on the reverse of the bills. Counterfeit Treasury bills seized to date fall within the following serial number ranges:

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| 1724584B through 1724595B | 1782200B through 1782299B |
| 1738601B through 1738615B | 1791200B through 1791299B |

Information developed recently indicates that an additional quantity of the counterfeit Treasury bills described above may be outstanding and that they may bear the following serial numbers:

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| 1712200B through 1712299B | 1764200B through 1764299B |
| 1719200B through 1719299B | 1767200B through 1767299B |
| 1723200B through 1723299B | 1773200B through 1773299B |
| 1724100B through 1724999B | 1773500B through 1773599B |
| 1728200B through 1728299B | 1774500B through 1774599B |
| 1734200B through 1734299B | 1778200B through 1778299B |
| 1737170B through 1737299B | 1782200B through 1782299B |
| 1738100B through 1738999B | 1789200B through 1789299B |
| 1745200B through 1745299B | 1791200B through 1791299B |
| 1746200B through 1746299B | 1797600B through 1797699B |
| 1755200B through 1755299B | 1798600B through 1798699B |
| 1756200B through 1756299B | |

Certain of the above serial numbers appear on genuine \$10,000 Treasury bills bearing the same CUSIP number, issue, and due dates as the counterfeits, as follows:

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| 1724377B through 1724431B | 1782200B through 1782299B |
| 1724872B through 1724881B | 1789207B and 1789208B |
| 1724915B through 1724927B | 1789265B through 1789281B |
| 1724992B through 1724999B | 1791200B through 1791299B |
| 1746270B and 1746271B | |

2. Method of Manufacture

With the exception of the serial numbers (printed typographically), the entire face and reverse of the counterfeits are printed by an offset printing process and lack the three-dimensional effect of the intaglio-printed genuine instruments. The distinctive red and blue fibers found in genuine currency paper are simulated by printed red and blue lines, the pattern of printed lines being identical on each of the counterfeits seized to date.

The loan data (found in the block on the right face of the instrument) is consistent with the size and style of type used on genuine Treasury bills.

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3. Description of Defects — Face

The following defects appear on all counterfeit Treasury bills of this type seized to date:

- (a) The numerical digits in the serial number, printed typographically in red, are poorly aligned horizontally and are not spaced in three-digit groups as they are on genuine instruments ("1234567" rather than "1 234 567");
- (b) There is a vertical white line at nine o'clock in the cross-ruled background of the portrait oval;
- (c) There are breaks in the fine shading lines under the left staff of the "H" in "THE" in "THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA";
- (d) There are white defects at the top of the staff and in the right portion of the cross-bar of the "T" in the large "UNITED" in "THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA";
- (e) There is a small black dot in the shaded background at the base of the "E" in "STATES" in the large "THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA";
- (f) There are two small black dots to the lower right of the "F" in "OF" in the eleventh line under the words "TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS";
- (g) There is a small black dot to the right of the "R" in "TREASURY" in the twelfth line of the legend under the words "TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS"; and
- (h) There is a black dot in the inner white border just to the left of the leaf-like embellishment in the lower right corner.

4. Description of Defects — Reverse

The following defects appear on the reverse of all counterfeit Treasury bills seized to date:

- (a) There is a fine "V"-shaped purple line in the shading to the right of the "I" in "UNITED"; and
- (b) There are two small purple dots in the background shading under the "B" in "BILL".

5. Treasury Seal

The Treasury Seal is well reproduced by the offset process in a shade of red approximating the genuine. However, two red dots which should appear on the shield between the left scale pan and lower tip of the fulcrum are missing.

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The U.S. Secret Service has informed us that on at least one occasion an attempt had been made to use the counterfeit Treasury bills as collateral for a loan. Therefore, the Treasury Department and this Bank urge each banking institution to: (1) carefully examine for genuineness all Treasury bills, with the issue and due dates specified above, that are held in custody, and (2) exercise care in accepting bills of this issue for collateral, redemption, or other purposes.

Should any counterfeit Treasury bills be discovered, please telephone the nearest office of the U.S. Secret Service. In this District, the Secret Service has offices in the Federal Office Building, 90 Church Street, New York City; in the Main Post Office Building, Syracuse, N.Y.; in the United States Court House, Buffalo, N.Y.; and in the Post Office Building, Federal Square, Newark, N.J. For additional information, call the U.S. Secret Service at any time (telephone number 212-264-7204).

Additional copies of this circular will be furnished upon request.

ALFRED HAYES,
President.