

**FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
OF NEW YORK**

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FRAUDULENT CHECKS AND DRAFTS

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

In recent months a number of large-dollar-value checks and drafts purportedly drawn by the "Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria" and/or the "Central Bank of Nigeria" have been presented to us for payment. These instruments indicate that they are drawn on or payable at this Bank. In all instances, the Central Bank of Nigeria has confirmed to us that the instruments are fraudulent.

Unrelated to these instances of fraud, as we have previously informed foreign governments and foreign central banks, effective March 2, 1992, such governments and central banks no longer draw checks on their accounts with this Bank. This change does not, however, apply to checks drawn on the accounts at this Bank of official international financial organizations in connection with principal and interest payments on their securities.

In view of the above, we suggest that banks exercise due caution in handling checks and drafts purportedly drawn on or payable at this Bank by foreign governments and foreign central banks. We also suggest that you notify your foreign branches and correspondents about the fraudulent Nigerian instruments.

Questions on these matters may be directed to Frank Reischach, Manager, Foreign Relations Department (Tel. No. 212-720-5679)

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President.