OFFERING OF TWO SERIES OF TREASURY BILLS

Fiscal Agent of the United States

Circular No. 6260

December 16, 1968

$1,600,000,000 of 91-Day Bills, Additional Amount, Series Dated September 26, 1968, Due March 27, 1969
(To Be Issued December 26, 1968)

$1,100,000,000 of 182-Day Bills, Dated December 26, 1968, Due June 26, 1969

To All Incorporated Banks and Trust Companies, and Others
Concerned, in the Second Federal Reserve District:

The following statement was made public December 12 by the Treasury Department:

The Treasury announced today that the regular weekly bill auction that would normally be held on Monday, the 23rd, will be held on Friday, December 20. The day for the auction is being advanced to assure ample time between it and the payment date during the pre-holiday season. Payment for and delivery of the bills will be on the normal day, Thursday, December 26.

For the subsequent weekly bill auction the announcement inviting tenders will be made on Monday, December 23, and the auction will be held on Friday, the 27th. The payment and delivery day for these bills will be Thursday, January 2.

The Treasury added that the regular monthly bill auction will be announced on Monday, December 16 with the auction taking place the following Monday, December 23. The payment and delivery date for these bills will be Tuesday, December 31.

Following is the text of the public notice offering the bills to be auctioned Friday, December 20:

The Treasury Department, by this public notice, invites tenders for two series of Treasury bills to the aggregate amount of $2,700,000,000, or thereabouts, for cash and in exchange for Treasury bills maturing December 26, 1968, in the amount of $2,709,535,000 as follows:

91-day bills (to maturity date) to be issued December 26, 1968, in the amount of $1,600,000,000, or thereabouts, representing an additional amount of bills dated September 26, 1968, and to mature March 27, 1969, originally issued in the amount of $1,102,282,000, the additional and original bills to be freely interchangeable.

182-day bills, for $1,100,000,000, or thereabouts, to be dated December 26, 1968, and to mature June 26, 1969.

The bills of both series will be issued on a discount basis under competitive and noncompetitive bidding as hereinafter provided, and at maturity their face amount will be payable without interest. They will be issued in bearer form only, and in denominations of $1,000, $5,000, $10,000, $50,000, $100,000, $500,000 and $1,000,000 (maturity value).

Tenders will be received at Federal Reserve Banks and Branches up to the closing hour, one-thirty p.m., Eastern Standard time, Friday, December 20, 1968. Tenders will not be received at the Treasury Department, Washington. Each tender must be for an even multiple of $1,000, and in the case of competitive tenders the price offered must be expressed on the basis of 100, with not more than three decimals, e.g., 99.925. Fractions may not be used. It is urged that tenders be made on the printed forms and forwarded in the special envelopes which will be supplied by Federal Reserve Banks or Branches on application therefor.

Banking institutions generally may submit tenders for account of customers, provided the names of the customers are set forth in such tenders. Others than banking institutions will not be permitted to submit tenders except for their own account. Tenders will be received without deposit from incorporated banks and trust companies and from responsible and recognized dealers in investment securities. Tenders from others must be accompanied by payment of 2 percent of the face amount of Treasury bills applied for, unless the tenders are accompanied by an express guaranty of payment by an incorporated bank or trust company.

Immediately after the closing hour, tenders will be opened at the Federal Reserve Banks and Branches, following which public announcement will be made by the Treasury Department of the amount and price range of accepted bids. Those submitting tenders will be advised of the acceptance or rejection thereof. The Secretary of the Treasury expressly reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders, in whole or in part, and his action in any such respect shall be final. Subject to these reservations, noncompetitive tenders for each issue for $200,000 or less without stated price from any one bidder will be accepted in full at the average price (in three decimals) of accepted competitive bids for the respective issues. Settlement for accepted tenders in accordance with the bids must be made or completed at the Federal Reserve Bank on December 26, 1968, in cash or other immediately available funds or in a like face amount of Treasury bills maturing December 26, 1968. Cash and exchange tenders will receive equal treatment. Cash adjustments will be made for differences between the par value of maturing bills accepted in exchange and the issue price of the new bills.

Closing date for receipt of tenders is Friday, December 20.
The income derived from Treasury bills, whether interest or gain from the sale or other disposition of the bills, does not have any exemption, as such, and loss from the sale or other disposition of Treasury bills does not have any special treatment, as such, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. The bills are subject to estate, inheritance, gift or other excise taxes, whether Federal or State, but are exempt from all taxation now or hereafter imposed on the principal or interest thereof by any State, or by any local taxing authority. For purposes of taxation the amount of discount at which Treasury bills are originally sold by the United States is considered to be interest. Under Sections 454(b) and 1221(5) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, the amount of discount at which bills issued hereunder are sold is not considered to accrue until such bills are sold, redeemed or otherwise disposed of, and such bills are excluded from consideration as capital assets. Accordingly, the owner of Treasury bills (other than life insurance companies) issued hereunder need include in his income tax return only the difference between the price paid for such bills, whether on original issue or on subsequent purchase, and the amount actually received either upon sale or redemption at maturity during the taxable year for which the return is made, as ordinary gain or loss.

Treasury Department Circular No. 418 (current revision) and this notice prescribe the terms of the Treasury bills and govern the conditions of their issue. Copies of the circular may be obtained from any Federal Reserve Bank or Branch.

This Bank will receive tenders for both series up to 1:30 p.m., Eastern Standard time, Friday, December 20, 1968, at the Securities Department of its Head Office and at its Buffalo Branch. Tender forms for the respective series are enclosed. Please use the appropriate forms to submit tenders and return them in the enclosed envelope marked “Tender for Treasury Bills.” Tenders may be submitted by telegraph, subject to written confirmation; they may not be submitted by telephone. Payment for the Treasury bills cannot be made by credit through the Treasury Tax and Loan Account. Settlement must be made in cash or other immediately available funds or in maturing Treasury bills.

This circular was printed before the results of the bidding for Treasury bills to be issued December 19, 1968 were available; those results will be announced after release by the Treasury Department.

ALFRED HAYES,
President.