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RESULTS OF FEDERAL RESERVE SURVEY ON FOREIGN CLAIMS OF U.S. BANKS

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System today issued the results of a survey of U.S. banks' claims on foreigners. The survey covered more than 80 reporting banks with total assets of \$1 billion or more and \$50 million or more in claims on the countries in the survey. The results of the survey will be combined by the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) with reports from other participating central banks to provide aggregate data on the external bank indebtedness of countries outside the Group of Ten Countries (G-10).

The survey indicated that reporting U.S. bank claims on countries outside the G-10 -- other than offshore banking centers -- amounted to \$77 billion at the end of 1976, of which \$42 billion was on the non-oil exporting developing countries.

The survey also collected information on the extent to which foreign claims of U.S. banks were guaranteed by parties outside the borrowing countries. Approximately nine per cent of the total claims were externally-guaranteed, with the percentage guaranteed for most countries ranging between five and fifteen per cent. These estimates

are probably lower ranges for the external support for these claims, because the instructions to the report form requested banks to report as guaranteed only those claims which were irrevocably guaranteed by a party or parties outside the borrowing country and not to include, as guaranteed, those claims covered by "comfort letters" or similar agreements.

The survey also requested information on the maturity distribution of the claims at the banks' domestic offices and offices in the offshore banking centers. Claims at these offices accounted for a large proportion of total U.S. bank claims on many countries, and thus the maturity data are a close approximation to the maturity distribution of total U.S. bank claims on these countries. The survey indicated that slightly more than one-half of U.S. bank claims on the countries in the survey had less than one year remaining to maturity.

Because of differences in coverage and definitions, the data in the survey differ from other data published on the foreign claims of U.S. banks. The principal differences are: (1) this survey is based on reports from a sample of U.S. banks; (2) the data collected in the survey include claims of foreign subsidiaries of U.S. banks while other published data include only claims reported by domestic offices and foreign branches; and (3) this survey requested banks to omit each office's local currency claims on residents of the country

in which the office is located because such claims are not considered to represent "cross border" exposure to the banks. Other published data included sizable amounts of such claims for some countries.

As a memorandum item, data are presented on U.S. bank claims on the offshore banking centers. These data are not directly comparable to the information on claims on other countries because they largely represent short-term interbank balances with banks having head offices in G-10 countries, including balances placed with other offices of U.S. banks.

Attachment

U.S. Bank Claims on Selected Foreign Countries: December 1976
(millions of dollars)

	<u>Total Claims of Reporting Banks ^{1/}</u>		<u>Maturity Distribution of Claims of Domestic Offices and Offices in Offshore Banking Centers</u>			
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent Externally Guaranteed</u>	<u>Total Claims</u>	<u>Amount Maturing In:</u>		
				<u>One Year Or Less</u>	<u>Over One Year To Two Years</u>	<u>Over Two Years</u>
I. <u>Non-G-10 Developed Countries</u>	<u>14,358</u>	<u>8.2</u>	<u>8,171</u>	<u>3,690</u>	<u>1,412</u>	<u>3,069</u>
Austria	1,049	19.5	277	165	39	73
Australia	1,296	6.3	850	488	97	265
Cyprus	19	15.8	12	10	2	--
Finland	1,175	1.6	627	199	126	302
Greece	1,353	8.7	586	195	131	260
Iceland	77	--	74	37	15	22
New Zealand	407	4.7	277	58	83	136
Norway	1,820	12.4	707	286	131	290
Portugal	450	0.7	333	260	31	42
Spain	3,137	8.7	1,882	596	367	919
South Africa	2,236	6.1	1,581	841	217	523
Turkey	1,339	6.5	965	555	173	237
II. <u>Non-Oil Exporting Developing Countries</u>	<u>42,187</u>	<u>10.9</u>	<u>37,381</u>	<u>19,621</u>	<u>4,668</u>	<u>13,092</u>
A. <u>Latin America</u>	<u>29,600</u>	<u>7.3</u>	<u>27,013</u>	<u>12,525</u>	<u>3,670</u>	<u>10,818</u>
Argentina	1,847	10.0	1,687	954	231	502
Bolivia	337	2.9	305	146	42	117
Brazil	10,437	10.6	9,349	3,304	1,453	4,592
Chile	620	5.8	606	424	93	89
Colombia	1,472	4.3	1,381	1,034	126	221
Costa Rica	338	8.9	306	115	53	138
Dominican Republic	283	4.6	239	128	30	81
El Salvador	201	3.0	187	106	21	60
Guatemala	287	1.7	229	75	85	69

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II. Non-Oil Exporting Developing
Countries cont'd

A. Latin America cont'd

Guyana	20	45.0	19	5	5	9
Haiti	22	--	22	16	--	6
Honduras	193	9.3	163	82	21	60
Jamaica	304	2.0	291	147	39	105
Mexico	10,746	5.0	9,883	4,680	1,236	3,967
Nicaragua	459	3.7	429	270	34	125
Paraguay	60	11.7	40	28	3	9
Peru	1,810	6.6	1,736	949	190	597
Trinidad & Tobago	28	3.6	20	16	1	3
Uruguay	136	5.1	121	46	7	68

B. Asia 10,366 6.1 8,918 6,355 814 1,749

Bangladesh	31	16.1	21	21	--	--
China (PRC)	11	90.9	1	1	--	--
China (Taiwan)	2,100	4.5	1,858	1,343	162	353
India	395	1.3	288	101	59	128
Israel	692	15.5	583	450	68	65
Jordan	19	10.5	15	7	2	6
Korea (South)	3,070	4.7	2,795	2,141	221	433
Malaysia	649	6.3	512	212	102	198
Pakistan	165	4.2	46	44	--	2
Papua New Guinea	23	--	19	3	4	12
Philippines	2,368	6.5	2,034	1,387	167	480
Sri Lanka	35	2.9	30	27	1	2
Syria	82	--	75	74	1	--
Thailand	726	9.1	641	544	27	70

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C. <u>Africa</u>	<u>2,221</u>	<u>19.3</u>	<u>1,450</u>	<u>741</u>	<u>184</u>	<u>525</u>
Angola	27	59.3	21	10	3	8
Cameroon	33	9.1	26	7	7	12
Congo (Brazzaville)	12	100.0	12	1	1	10
Egypt	598	8.9	279	230	22	27
Ethiopia	14	--	14	8	2	4
Ghana	75	4.0	61	46	--	15
Guinea	12	100.0	12	--	--	12
Ivory Coast	241	13.7	163	43	35	85
Kenya	26	3.8	17	14	1	2
Malawi	38	86.8	4	1	2	1
Morocco	308	10.4	262	106	41	115
Mozambique	47	--	5	3	--	2
Senegal	32	--	22	4	4	14
South-West Africa	17	--	17	2	4	11
Sudan	216	36.1	139	91	7	41
Tanzania	10	--	9	9	--	--
Tunisia	81	0.8	70	63	2	5
Zaire	258	56.6	221	69	35	117
Zambia	176	3.4	96	34	18	44

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III. <u>Eastern Europe</u>	<u>6,020</u>	<u>5.7</u>	<u>2,974</u>	<u>816</u>	<u>685</u>	<u>1,473</u>
Bulgaria	408	--	191	68	46	77
Czechoslovakia	130	0.8	7	4	2	1
E. Germany	740	7.4	355	198	80	77
Hungary	590	--	280	23	52	205
Poland	1,261	3.3	580	166	127	287
Romania	351	1.7	78	49	17	12
U. S. S. R.	1,553	1.2	788	159	147	482
Yugoslavia	987	22.4	695	149	214	332
IV <u>Oil-Exporting Countries</u>	<u>12,473</u>	<u>8.4</u>	<u>10,526</u>	<u>6,726</u>	<u>956</u>	<u>2,844</u>
Algeria	1,234	17.3	922	158	131	633
Brunei	13	--	12	1	4	7
Ecuador	660	5.2	605	314	91	200
Gabon	126	1.6	77	12	16	49
Indonesia	2,067	9.4	1,893	987	297	609
Iran	1,390	19.3	1,129	726	124	279
Iraq	73	5.5	46	4	15	27
Kuwait	371	1.6	263	251	5	7
Libya	110	--	63	59	1	3
Nigeria	70	--	40	35	--	5
Oman	66	--	47	23	6	18
Qatar	32	9.4	12	9	1	2
Saudi Arabia	600	3.3	499	489	3	7
United Arab Emirates	568	3.3	234	157	31	46
Venezuela	5,093	5.5	4,684	3,501	231	952

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V. Miscellaneous						
Liberia	1,788	69.2	1,211	326	187	698
Other ^{2/}	<u>91</u>	<u>12.1</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>
Total Claims on Non-G-10 Countries other than Offshore Banking Centers	<u>76,917</u>	<u>9.2</u>	<u>60,327</u>	<u>31,230</u>	<u>7,911</u>	<u>21,186</u>
Memorandum: Offshore Banking Centers	<u>45,801</u>	<u>10.3</u>	<u>25,727</u>	<u>24,063</u>	<u>680</u>	<u>984</u>
Bahamas	24,338	6.0	12,720	12,519	57	144
Bahrain	2,737	3.0	1,007	1,005	1	1
Barbados	15	20.0	23	16	2	5
Bermuda	446	12.1	369	252	33	84
Caymans and other British W. Indies	7,006	20.8	5,337	4,937	376	24
Hong Kong	3,185	11.0	2,318	2,099	47	172
Lebanon	153	7.8	135	70	24	41
Netherlands Overseas Ter.	623	29.7	488	334	31	123
New Hebrides	37	--	32	29	--	3
Panama	2,831	21.3	1,927	1,514	90	323
Singapore	4,430	10.5	1,371	1,288	19	64

^{1/} Includes data for U.S. offices and all foreign branches and subsidiaries.

^{2/} Includes all countries on which reported claims were less than \$10 million.