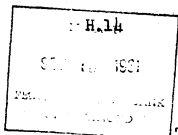


September 11, 1961.



**CAPITAL MARKET DEVELOPMENTS
IN THE UNITED STATES**

The volume of security financing to obtain new capital was moderately light during this past Labor Day shortened week but is expected to be considerably larger this week. Last week, ending September 8, no large corporate or State and local bond issues were sold while the Federal Land Banks sold \$73 million of debentures for new capital as part of a \$193 million, 4-1/4 per cent, debenture issue due to mature in 1966. This week, ending September 15, two large corporate bond issues, including the expiration of a rights offering, aggregating \$51 million are scheduled for sale and three large State and local security offerings with par value of \$157 million are on the calendar.

Bond yields. Yields on Aaa-rated corporate bonds rose 2 basis points last week to reach a new high for the year while Baa-rated State and local government bonds increased 4 basis points. The weekly average of yields on long-term U. S. Government bonds increased a single basis point last week due to a 5 basis point increase on Friday following an announcement by the Treasury Department late Thursday of an advance refunding of several long-term issues. Yields on Aaa-rated State and local government bonds and Baa-rated corporate bonds were unchanged.

Short- and intermediate-term interest rates. Yields on three-month Treasury bills declined 2 basis points last week while those on six-month bills advanced an equal amount and those on 3-5 year U. S. Government obligations increased 4 basis points. The average effective rate on Federal funds decreased 27 basis points from the preceding week to 1.38 per cent. Other short- and intermediate-term interest rates did not change.

Stock prices. Common stock prices, as measured by Standard and Poor's composite index of 500 stocks, declined on balance last week, closing on August 8 at 67.88. Trading volume averaged 3.4 million shares a day, an increase of 0.4 million shares from the previous week.

More detailed information concerning recent capital market developments is presented in the attached exhibits.

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EXHIBIT A

LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS

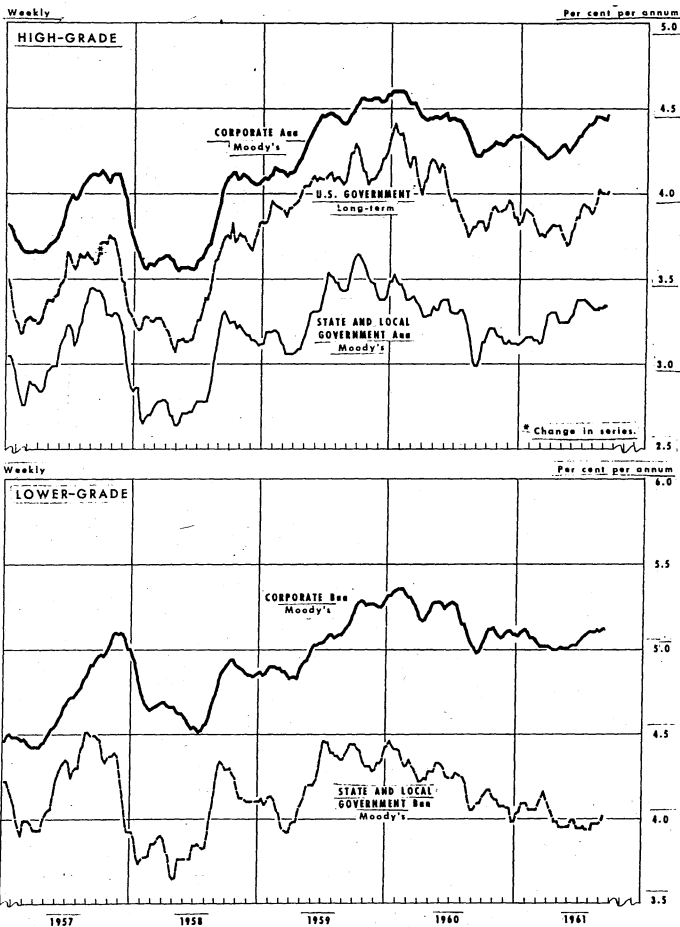


Exhibit B - Tables for Exhibit A

Long-term Bond Yields
High-grade

Date	Corporate Aaa 1/	U. S. Govt. long-term 2/	State and local government Aaa 3/	Spread between U. S. Govt. and	
				Corporate Aaa	State and local Aaa
	(per cent)				
1954 - Low	2.85 (4/23)	2.45 (8/6)	1.90 (9/2)	.30	.30
1957 - High	4.14 (9/27)	3.76 (10/18)	3.45 (8/29)	.60	.50
1958 - Low	3.55 (5/2)	3.07 (4/25)	2.64 (5/1)	.22	.34
1959-60 - High	4.61 (1/29/60)	4.42 (1/8/60)	3.65 (9/24/59)	.59	.92
1960 - Low	4.23 (9/9)	3.75 (8/5)	2.99 (9/1)	.19	.53
1961 - High	4.46 (9/8)	4.03 (8/11)	3.37 (7/6)	.57	.76
Low	4.21 (3/17)	3.70 (5/12)	3.12 (2/23)	.40	.46
Aug. 11	4.45	4.03	3.32	.42	.71
Aug. 18	4.45	4.01	3.33	.44	.68
Aug. 25	4.44	4.01	3.33	.43	.68
Sept. 1	4.44	4.01	3.34	.43	.67
Sept. 8 p/	4.46	4.02	3.34	.44	.68

Lower-grade

Date	Corporate Baa 1/	State and local govt. Baa 2/	Spread between Aaa and Baa	
			Corporate	State and local govt.
	(per cent)			
1954 - Low	3.44 (12/31)	2.93 (8/5)	.52	.96
1957 - High	5.10 (11/29)	4.51 (8/29)	1.27	1.21
1958 - Low	4.51 (7/11)	3.64 (5/1)	.77	.93
1959-60 - High	5.36 (2/12/60)	4.46 (1/7/60)	.84	1.08
1960 - Low	4.98 (9/9)	3.98 (12/29)	.71	.86
1961 - High	5.12 (9/8)	4.16 (3/23)	.81	.93
Low	5.00 (4/21)	3.93 (8/3)	.66	.57
Aug. 11	5.11	3.97	.66	.65
Aug. 18	5.12	3.97	.67	.64
Aug. 25	5.11	3.97	.67	.64
Sept. 1	5.12	3.98	.68	.64
Sept. 8 p/	5.12	4.02	.66	.68

p/ Preliminary.

1/ Weekly average of daily figures. Average term of bonds included is 23-26 years.

2/ Weekly average of daily figures. The series includes bonds due or callable in 10 years or more.

3/ Thursday figures. Only general obligation bonds are included; average term is 20 years.

Note.--Highs and lows are for individual series and may be on different dates for different series.

For spreads, high refers to widest, and low to narrowest.

EXHIBIT C

SHORT- AND INTERMEDIATE- TERM INTEREST RATES

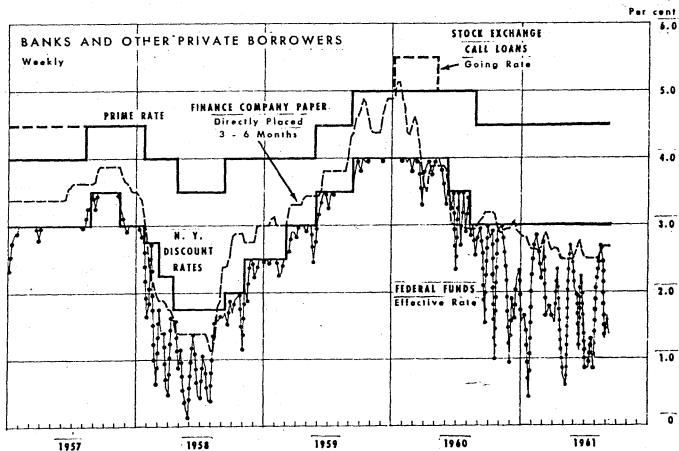
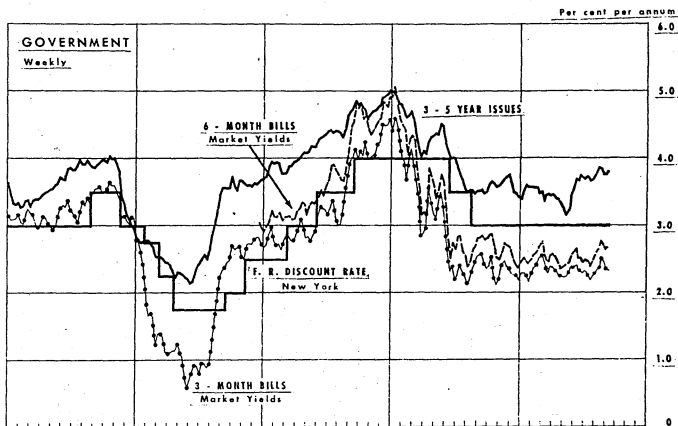


Exhibit D - Tables for Exhibit C

Short- and Intermediate-term Interest Rates

Government

Date	Discount rate 1/	Yields			Spread between yields on	
		3-month bills 2/	6-month bills 2/	3-5 year issues 2/	3-month bills and yields or 6-mo. bills	3-5 yr. issues
(per cent)						
1954 - Low	1.50	.61 (6/11)	--	1.66 (4/30)	--	.66
1957 - High	3.50	3.64 (10/18)	--	4.04 (10/18)	--	.86
1958 - Low	1.75	.58 (5/29)	3.02 (12/26)	2.14 (6/8)	.26	.04
1959-60 - High	4.00	4.59 (1/8/60)	5.07 (1/8/60)	5.00 (12/24/59)	.79	1.81
1960 - Low	3.00	2.11 (10/28)	2.38 (12/30)	3.40 (12/30)	.16	.38
1961 - High	3.00	2.56 (3/3)	2.78 (8/18)	3.86 (8/11)	.35	1.49
Low	3.00	2.17 (1/27)	2.35 (4/28)	3.15 (5/12)	.12	.92
Aug. 11	3.00	2.38	2.64	3.86	.26	1.48
Aug. 18	3.00	2.50	2.78	3.83	.28	1.33
Aug. 25	3.00	2.43	2.71	3.77	.28	1.34
Sept. 1	3.00	2.34	2.65	3.77	.31	1.43
Sept. 8 p/	3.00	2.32	2.67	3.81	.35	1.49

Banks and Other Private Borrowers

Date	Stock Exchange call loan 1/	Prime rate 1/	Finance company paper 2/	Federal funds 4/	Spread between
					3-mo. bills and finance co. paper
(per cent)					
1954 - Low	3.00	3.00	1.25 (12/31)	n.a.	0
1957 - High	4.50	4.50	3.88 (11/15)	3.50 (11/8)	.63
1958 - Low	3.50	3.50	1.13 (8/8)	.13 (5/29)	-.35
1959-60 - High	5.50	5.00	5.13 (1/22/60)	4.00 (5/13/60)	1.02
1960 - Low	4.50	4.50	2.88 (12/30)	.95 (12/2)	.22
1961 - High	4.50	4.50	2.88 (3/10)	2.85 (2/17)	.56
Low	4.50	4.50	2.50 (7/28)	.43 (1/27)	.11
Aug. 11	4.50	4.50	2.60	2.70	.22
Aug. 18	4.50	4.50	2.69	2.55	.19
Aug. 25	4.50	4.50	2.69	1.30	.26
Sept. 1	4.50	4.50	2.69	1.65	.35
Sept. 8 p/	4.50	4.50	2.69	1.38	.37

1/ Weekly rate shown is that in effect at end of period. Discount rate is for Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Stock Exchange call loan rate is going rate on call loans secured by customers' stock exchange collateral at New York City banks. Prime rate is that charged by large banks on short-term loans to business borrowers of the highest credit standing.

2/ Market yield; weekly averages computed from daily closing bid prices. Series of 3-5 year issues consists of selected notes and bonds.

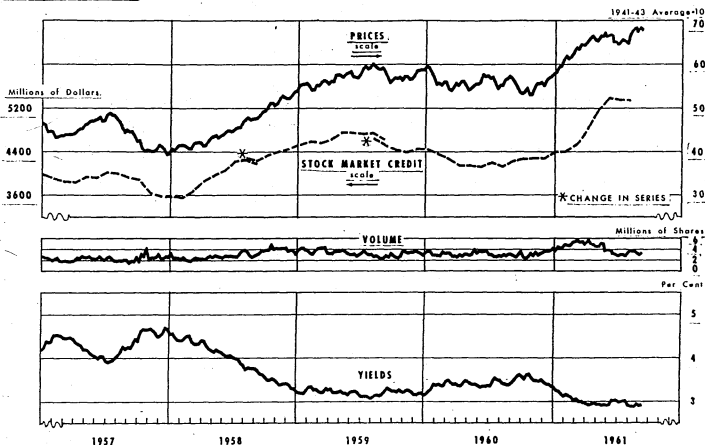
3/ Average of daily rates published by finance companies for directly placed paper for varying maturities in the 90-179 day range.

4/ Weekly average of daily effective rate, which is the rate for the heaviest volume of purchase and sale transactions as reported to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

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EXHIBIT E

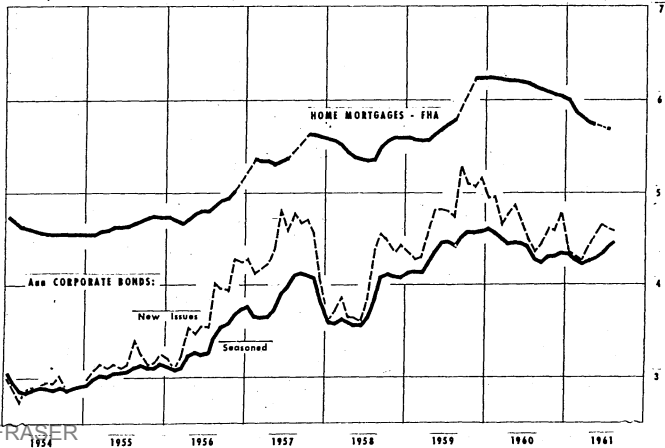
STOCK MARKET



MORTGAGE AND BOND YIELDS

Monthly

Per cent per annum



Stock Market

Date	Stock price index 1/	Common stock yields 2/ (per cent)	Trading volume 3/ (millions of shares)	Stock market customer credit		
				Total	Customers' debit balances 4/	Bank loans to "others" 5/
(In millions of dollars)						
1957-60 - High	60.51 (7/31/59)	3.08	4.9	4,764 (4/59)	3,401 (4/59)	1,373 (5/59)
Low	39.48 (12/29/57)	4.72	1.4	3,554 (1/59)	2,482 (12/57)	1,060 (11/57)
1961 - High	68.29 (8/18)	2.88	5.8	5,386 (5/61)	4,060 (5/61)	1,378 (8/23)
Low	58.48 (1/6)	3.32	2.7	4,424 (1/61)	3,253 (1/61)	1,261 (3/8)
July	65.38	2.98	3.0	5,355	3,991	1,364
August	67.86	2.90	3.5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Aug. 25	67.67	2.91	3.4	n.a.	n.a.	1,378
Sept. 1	68.19	2.89	3.0	n.a.	n.a.	1,377
Sept. 8 p/	67.88	2.90	3.4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

n.a.--Not available. p/ Preliminary.

1/ Standard and Poor's composite index of 500 common stocks, weekly closing prices, 1941-43=10. Monthly data are averages of daily figures rather than of Friday's only. High and low are for Friday's data only.

2/ Standard and Poor's composite stock yield based on Wednesday data converted to weekly closing prices by Federal Reserve. Yields shown are for dates on which price index reached its high or low.

3/ Averages of daily trading volume on the New York Stock Exchange.

4/ End of month figures for member firms of the New York Stock Exchange which carry margin accounts; excludes balances secured by U. S. Government obligations.

5/ Wednesday figures for weekly reporting member banks. Excludes loans for purchasing or carrying U. S. Government securities. Prior to July 1, 1959, such loans are excluded only at banks in New York and Chicago. Weekly reporting banks account for about 70 per cent of loans to others. For further detail see Bulletin.

Mortgage and Bond Yields 1/

Date	FHA mortgages 2/	Aaa corporate bonds 1/		Spread between new corporate bonds and	
		New 3/	Seasoned 4/	FHA mortgages	Seasoned bonds
1953-58 - High	5.63 (11/57)	4.81 (6/57)	4.12 (9/57)	1.96	.90
Low	4.56 (2/55)	2.74 (3/54)	2.84 (4/54)	.54	-.12
1959-60 - High	6.24 (1/60)	5.29 (9/59)	4.61 (1/60)	1.76	.77
Low	5.57 (3/59)	4.29 (2/59)	4.12 (1/59)	.83	.08
1961 - March	5.82	4.26	4.22	1.56	.04
April	5.77	4.42	4.25	1.35	.17
May	5.75	4.51	4.27	1.24	.21
June	n.a.	4.65	4.33	n.a.	.32
July	5.70	4.62	4.41	1.08	.21
August	n.a.	4.59	4.45	n.a.	.14

1/ Neither mortgage nor bond yields take into account servicing costs which are much higher for mortgages than bonds. Generally, bonds pay interest semi-annually; mortgages, monthly. Mortgage yields, if computed as equivalent to a semiannual interest investment, would be slightly higher than given in the table.

2/ Based on FHA field-office opinions about average bid prices in the private secondary market for new-home mortgages for immediate delivery. Since late 1955, data relate only to 25-year mortgages with downpayments of 10 per cent or more, weighted by probable volume of transactions. Yields computed by FHA, assuming 25-year mortgages are paid off in 12 years. Dashed lines indicate periods of adjustment to changes in the contractual interest rate.

3/ First National City Bank of New York. Averages of offering yields of all new issues of publicly-sold bonds rated Aaa, Aa or A by Moody's Investors Service (except serial and convertible issues and offerings of natural gas and foreign companies) weighted by size of issue. Yields on Aa and A issues are first adjusted to an Aaa basis by the spread between yields of outstanding bonds in those categories and those on Aaa-rated bonds. The series reflects changes in industrial composition, maturity, type, etc. of new offerings.

4/ Moody's Investors Service. Monthly averages of daily data. See Exhibit B.

Exhibit G

Long-term Corporate and State and Local Government
Security Offerings and Placements

(In millions of dollars)

	New capital					
	Corporate 1/			State and local 2/		
	1961	1960	1959	1961	1960	1959
January	580	570	821	715	700	648
February	667	715	738	681	611	859
March	562	860	646	758	568	638
April	2,118	761	894	720	719	934
May	1,259	577	785	588	545	568
June	1,318	1,044	887	e/1,050	991	987
July	e/1,000	736	535	e/450	492	443
August	e/600	967	740	e/600	606	521
September	e/700	726	703	e/750	683	470
October		890	879		348	593
November		956	864		501	450
December		852	900		491	478
1st quarter	1,809	2,145	2,204	2,154	1,880	2,145
2nd quarter	4,695	2,382	2,567	e/2,358	2,256	2,488
3rd quarter	e/2,300	2,428	1,979	e/1,800	1,780	1,433
4th quarter		2,698	2,642		1,340	1,521
1st half	6,504	4,527	4,771	e/4,512	4,136	4,634
Three quarters	e/8,804	6,955	6,750	e/6,312	5,916	6,067
Year		9,653	9,392		7,257	7,588
	Excluding finance companies 3/					
1st quarter	1,554	1,716	1,999			
2nd quarter	4,552	2,165	2,412			
3rd quarter	e/2,200	2,018	1,716			
4th quarter		2,347	2,503			
Year		8,246	8,630			

e/ Estimated.
 1/ Securities and Exchange Commission estimates of net proceeds.
 2/ Investment Bankers Association of America estimates of principal amounts.
 3/ Total new capital issues excluding offerings of sales and consumer finance companies.

Other Security Offerings
(In millions of dollars)

	Gross long-term 1/					
	Foreign government 2/			Federal agency 3/		
	1961	1960	1959	1961	1960	1959
January	6	2	81	--	182	199
February	29	175	60	--	150	--
March	20	70	2	252	150	175
April	2	34	58	100	148	--
May	63	72	50	149	354	--
June	24	40	42	278	--	--
July		25	85		--	--
August		1	1		199	98
September		36	35		--	150
October		34	33		160	--
November		2	30		149	--
December		41	70		181	86
Year		533	547		1,672	707
	Net short-term 4/					
	State and local government 5/			Federal agency 3/		
	1961	1960	1959	1961	1960	1959
January	160	58	-4	-144	-196	-82
February	195	140	181	-162	-202	176
March	-8	-80	4	-174	-59	33
April	-103	70	197	-79	-277	50
May	-42	-146	-25	-87	170	368
June		-157	-197	207	320	286
July		48	57		95	362
August		415	392		23	133
September		-175	131		-201	79
October		-16	-81		-23	280
November		50	-176		-33	240
December		-189	-117		-250	44
Year		18	362		-633	1,969

1/ Preliminary.

2/ These data differ from those in Exhibit G in that refunding issues, as well as new capital issues, are included. Long-term securities are defined as those maturing in more than one year.

3/ Includes securities offered in the United States by foreign governments and their subdivisions and by international organizations. Source: Securities and Exchange Commission.

4/ Issues not guaranteed by the U. S. Government. Source: long-term, Securities and Exchange Commission; short-term, Treasury Department and Federal Reserve.

5/ These data differ from those in Exhibit G and above in that they represent new offerings less retirements, whether from the proceeds of refunding issues or from other funds. Data include only issues with original maturity of one year or less.

6/ Principally tax and bond anticipation notes, warrants or certificates and Public Housing Authority notes. In some instances PHA notes included may have a somewhat longer term than one year. Source: Bond Buyer and Federal Reserve.

Exhibit I

Large Long-term Public Security Issues for New Capital
(Other than U. S. Treasury) 1/

Proceeds of Large Issues Offered

(In millions of dollars)

Month	Corporate	State and local government	Other 2/
1960 - August	581	298	75
September	266	367	25
October	566	46	77
November	465	186	150
December	260	222	99
1961 - January	147	391	--
February	267	360	--
March	70	405	67
April	1,572	383	--
May	557	256	25
June	532	616	151
July	475	179	--
August	185	281	100

Large Individual Issues Offered September 1 through 8

Issuer	Type 3/	Amount (millions of dollars)	Maturity	Coupon rate or net interest cost	Offering yield	Rating
<u>CORPORATE</u>						
None						
<u>STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT</u>						
None						
<u>OTHER</u>						
Fed. Land Banks	Deb.	73.3	1966	4-1/4	4.25	--

Footnotes

- 1/ Includes corporate and other security offerings of \$15 million and over; State and local government security offerings of \$10 million and over.
- 2/ Includes foreign government and International bank for Reconstruction and Development issues and non-guaranteed issues by Federal agencies.
- 3/ In the case of State and local government securities, G. O. denotes general obligations; Rev.-Ut., revenue obligations secured only by income from public utilities; Rev.-Q.Ut., revenue bonds secured only by revenue from quasi-utilities; Rev.-S.T., revenue bonds secured by revenue from specific taxes only; Rev.-Rent., revenue bonds secured solely by lease payments.

Forthcoming Large Long-term Public Security Offerings for New Capital
(Other than U. S. Treasury) 1/

Expected Proceeds from Forthcoming Large Issues

Date of computation	During month following date shown			Subsequent to date shown		
	Corporate	State and local govt.	Other 2/	Corporate	State and local govt.	Other 2/
1960 - Aug. 31	216	283	--	731	283	--
Sept. 30	576	212	77	836	336	127
Oct. 31	440	258	50	585	391	50
Nov. 30	260	242	--	335	560	--
Dec. 30	91	412	--	1,036	682	--
1961 - Jan. 31	110	181	--	1,046	360	--
Feb. 28	55	307	--	1,125	638	--
Mar. 31	1,580	559	--	1,700	806	--
Apr. 28	542	236	15	687	579	15
May 31	487	431	75	611	771	75
June 30	521	195	--	666	291	--
July 31	170	406	--	255	537	--
Aug. 31	175	399	73	240	530	73

Forthcoming Large Offerings, as of September 8

Issuer	Type	Amount (millions of dollars)	Approximate date of offering
<u>CORPORATE</u>			
Mountain Fuel Supply Co.	Deb.	18.0	Sept. 12
Armour & Co.	Conv. sub. deb.	32.5	Sept. 12 (rights expire)
Western Union Telegraph Co.	Com. stk.	45.0	Sept. 25 (rights expire)
Pacific Gas & Electric Co.	1st & ref. mtg. bds.	60.0	Sept. 27
Keystone Steel & Wire Co.	Conv. sub. deb.	20.0	Sept.
Rochester Gas & Electric Co.	1st mtg. bds.	15.0	Indefinite
Commerce Oil Refining Corp.	Deb., bds. & com.	45.0	Indefinite
Realty Collateral Corp.	Coll. tr. notes	20.0	Indefinite
<u>STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT</u>			
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	G.O.	47.0	Sept. 12
Cheyenne, Wyoming	Rev.-Ut.	10.0	Sept. 12
State of California	G.O.	100.0	Sept. 13
Penna. State School Bldg. Auth.	Rev.-Rent.	24.0	Sept. 19
Oklahoma Building Bond Comm.	G.O.	35.5	Sept. 19
Los Angeles, Calif.	Rev.-Ut.	15.0	Sept. 20
New York City	G.O.	42.9	Sept. 20
Detroit, Michigan	G.O.	14.5	Sept. 26
Detroit City Sch. Dist., Mich.	G.O.	10.0	Sept. 26

Forthcoming Large Offerings, as of September 8 (Cont'd)

Issuer	Type	Amount (millions of dollars)	Approximate date of offering
<u>STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (Cont'd)</u>			
State of Illinois	G.O.	100.0	Sept. 27
Orleans Parish Sch. Dist., La.	G.O.	10.0	Indefinite
Dade County, Florida	G.O.	46.0	Indefinite
Jacksonville Expressway Auth.	Rev.-Ut.	40.0	Indefinite
State of Kentucky	G.O.	35.0	Indefinite
<u>OTHER</u>			
None			

*--Included in table for first time.

1/ Includes corporate and other issues of \$15 million and over; State and local government issues of \$10 million and over.

2/ Includes foreign government and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development issues and non-guaranteed issues by Federal agencies.

Note.--Deletions for reasons other than sale of issue: None.

Exhibit K

Yields on New and Outstanding
Electric Power Bonds, Rated Aa and A 1/

Date	Aa-rated offering yields		A-rated offering yields	
	Actual (per cent)	Amount above seasoned yields (basis points)	Actual (per cent)	Amount above seasoned yields (basis points)
1952-1960 - high Low	5.30 (12/8/59)	87	5.65 (9/18/59)	123
	2.93 (3/31/54)	-8	3.00 (3/17/54)	-15
1961 - Jan. 12	4.60	11		
	4.55	7		
	4.44	-2		
Feb. 8			4.60	-2
			4.65	5
			4.47	-13
Mar. 23	4.37	8	4.50	5
			4.40	-5
			4.65 <u>2/</u>	17
Apr. 13			4.80 <u>2/</u>	32
	4.80	43		
	4.67	29		
May 17	4.50 <u>2/</u>	13	4.72	19
	4.57	20		
			4.80	27
June 8			4.94	40
			5.12	55
			4.92	36
July 13	4.87	41	4.93	29
	4.65	14		
			4.90	20
Aug. 3	4.85	29		

- 1/ Covers only 30-year first mortgage bonds, as reported in Moody's Bond Survey. Except where indicated, the actual yield figure and the amount above seasoned yields are averages of offerings during the indicated period and of the differences between these new offering yields and yields on seasoned issues of similar quality for the same day. Average maturity for the seasoned issues varies from 26 to 28 years.
- 2/ Provides for a 5-year period during which issue may not be called for refunding at a lower coupon rate. Monthly averages so marked include one or more issues with such a provision. Other issues have no such provision.