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TO: Federal Open Market Committee

FROM: Daniel H. Brill

Data just available from the non-weekly reporting banks for the last half of November have caused us again to revise our bank credit estimates for November, as follows (in billions of dollars):

	<u>Estimate of Dec. 12, 1966</u>	<u>Estimate in Supplement</u>
Loans and Investments	+0.3	+0.7
U.S. Gov't. Sec.	+0.5	+0.5
Other Sec.	-0.2	-0.1
Loans	--	+0.3
Business Loans	+0.2	+0.3

Percentage annuals rates of change for November and other recent periods are as follows:

	<u>1966</u>			<u>1965</u>
	<u>November (p)</u>	<u>September November (p)</u>	<u>January- August</u>	<u>Year</u>
Total loans and investments	+ 1.2	- 3.1	+ 8.4	+10.2
U.S. Gov't. Sec.	+11.5	-22.9	- 4.7	- 5.6
Other Sec.	- 5.0	+ 0.8	+ 6.7	+15.8
Loans	--	+ 1.4	+12.7	+14.7
Business Loans	+ 3.0	+ 7.2	+18.4	+18.5

These latest estimates show even weaker growth in bank credit and loans than earlier suggested. Without increased holdings of Treasury issues, associated with the late November financing, bank credit would have declined for the third straight month.

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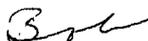
Dear Bob:

I have discussed the contents of the "Blue Book" with Mr. Ellis, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Arena. We are all well satisfied with its present content and have no specific suggestions to make for its improvement.

It would be somewhat more convenient for us if the information in this document were received here by Friday morning preceding the Open Market meeting. However, we fully realize the difficulties which would confront the Board staff if they attempted to put out a document with this timing.

We would be inclined to recommend that you make no attempt to change the present schedule.

Sincerely yours,



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