

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM WASHINGTON, D. C. 20551-000)

## STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL (FR) CLASS III - FOMC

TO: Federal Open Market Committee DATE: August 11, 1995

FROM: Gary Gillum SUBJECT: 1996 Meeting Schedule

The proposed schedule shown below for FOMC meetings in 1996 follows the pattern of recent years. As usual, the intervals between meetings have been made as equal as possible, taking into account the constraints imposed by IMF/BIS meetings, Humphrey-Hawkins reporting dates, U.S. Treasury quarterly refunding auctions, various holidays, and the release of key economic data. The date for the IMF's spring Interim Committee meeting has not been set; because that date might conflict with the proposed FOMC meeting date of March 26, Committee members are asked to hold March 19 in reserve. The September 24 date is not ideal in terms of intermeeting intervals, but the better October 1 date would conflict with the annual IMF and related meetings. A Wednesday date has been selected for the November meeting because of a probable BIS meeting on Monday the 11th.

Please advise me by August 31 whether the proposed schedule is acceptable to you.

Proposed Meeting Dates	Weeks Since <u>Previous Meeting</u>
January 30-31 (Tuesday-Wednesday)	6
March 26 (hold March 19 in reserve)	8
May 21	8
July 2-3 (Tuesday-Wednesday)	6
August 20	7
September 24	5
November 13 (Wednesday)	7
December 17	5