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General

April 3, 1979

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Available members of the Foreign Currency Subcommittee

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would result in (1) a change in the System's overall open position
in foreign currencies in excess of the daily limit of \$300 million
specified in paragraph 1A of the Committee's procedural instructions
and (2) a change in the System's net position in a single foreign
currency in excess of the daily limit of \$300 million for operations
associated with repayment of swap drawings, specified in paragraph 1B.
The Subcommittee also suspended the limit of \$600 million on intermeeting
changes in the overall open position specified in paragraph 1A. The
operations were authorized to take advantage of an opportunity to buy
\$445 million equivalent of marks directly from the German Federal Bank.
The marks were purchased to repay outstanding swap debt.

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TO: FEDERAL OPEN MARKET COMMITTEE

FROM: Murray Altmann \(\sqrt{W} \).

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Given below is the text of a message transmitted to the FOMC members today.

"Available members of the Foreign Currency Subcommittee (Vice Chairman Volcker, Governor Wallich, and Governor Partee serving as alternate member) yesterday authorized operations that would result in (1) a change in the System's overall open position in foreign currencies in excess of the daily limit of \$300 million specified in paragraph 1A of the Committee's procedural instructions and (2) a change in the System's net position in a single foreign currency in excess of the daily limit of \$300 million for operations associated with repayment of swap drawings, specified in paragraph 1B. The Subcommittee also suspended the limit of \$600 million on intermeeting changes in the overall open position specified in paragraph 1A. operations were authorized to take advantage of an opportunity to buy \$445 million equivalent of marks directly from the German Federal Bank. The marks were purchased to repay outstanding swap debt."

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