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As a result of the decision taken by the Drafting Committee, Mr. Thorson has been trying to ascertain the holidays of the New York Federal Reserve Bank. The Bank is closed on all election days, both state and national. Accordingly they would be difficult to define in a rule.

On further examination of the suggestion that the Bank's holidays be added to the list, it occurred to me that this would be undesirable. The rules are defined to apply to all transactions in all currencies, and if we choose to observe the holidays of one depository we should probably observe the holidays of all depositories. In addition, the rule prescribing the three-day period does not require the consummation of the transaction within three days but only directs the Fund to "instruct the appropriate depository to make the transfer" on the third business day. Instruction can be sent out on a day which may be a holiday for the depository and the rule would cause no difficulty in this regard.

You may wish to discuss with the Chairman of the Committee whether the change agreed on at the meeting should be made or whether it would be better to merely retain the list of holidays in the District of Columbia.