## FOREWORD

In the spring of 1969, the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston sponsored the first in a series of conferences on important monetary issues. That first conference was titled *Controlling Monetary Aggregates* and its proceedings were published, as were the proceedings of subsequent meetings sponsored by this bank.

This volume, the ninth in the series, is a timely sequel to that first publication. All papers were presented by persons from within the Federal Reserve System; discussants were primarily academicians. The result is, we believe, a unique examination of some of the important questions relating to the implementation of policy decisions. We hope it will prove to be useful to those concerned with monetary policy.

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