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TREASURY TO AUCTION \$7,000 MILLION OF 30-YEAR INFLATION-INDEXED BONDS

The Treasury will auction \$7,000 million of 30-year inflation-indexed bonds to raise cash.

Amounts bid by Federal Reserve Banks for their own accounts and as agents for foreign and international monetary authorities will be added to the offering.

The auction will be conducted in the single-price auction format. All competitive and noncompetitive awards will be at the highest yield of accepted competitive tenders.

The bonds being offered today are eligible for the STRIPS program. As previously announced in the *Federal Register* on June 30, 1998, today is the first day that interest payments on Treasury inflation-indexed securities are fungible.

Tenders will be received at Federal Reserve Banks and Branches and at the Bureau of the Public Debt, Washington, D. C. This offering of Treasury securities is governed by the terms and conditions set forth in the Uniform Offering Circular for the Sale and Issue of Marketable Book-Entry Treasury Bills, Notes, and Bonds (31 CFR Part 356, as amended).

Details about the security are given in the attached offering highlights.

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Attachment

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HIGHLIGHTS OF TREASURY OFFERING TO THE PUBLIC OF 30-YEAR INFLATION-INDEXED BONDS TO BE ISSUED APRIL 15, 1999

March 31, 1999

Offering Amount \$7,000 million Description of Offering: Series Bonds of April 2029 CUSIP number 912810 FH 6 Auction date April 7, 1999 Issue date April 15, 1999 Dated date April 15, 1999 Maturity date April 15, 2029 Interest rate Determined based on the highest accepted competitive bid Real yield Determined at auction Interest payment dates October 15 and April 15 Minimum bid amount and multiples\$1,000 Accrued interest payable by investor None Premium or discount Determined at auction STRIPS Information: Minimum amount required\$1,000 Corpus CUSIP number 912803 CF 8 CUSIP numbers for interest payments due October 15, 1999, through April 15, 2029, are provided in a separate press release published today. Submission of Bids: Noncompetitive bids: Accepted in full up to \$5,000,000 at the highest accepted yield. Competitive bids: (1) Must be expressed as a real yield with three decimals, e.g., 3.123%. (2) Net long position for each bidder must be reported when the sum of the total bid amount, at all yields, and the net long position is \$2 billion or greater. (3) Net long position must be determined as of one half-hour prior to the closing time for receipt of competitive tenders. Maximum Recognized Bid at a Single Yield 35% of public offering Receipt of Tenders: Noncompetitive tenders . Prior to 12:00 noon Eastern Daylight Saving time on auction day Competitive tenders Prior to 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving time on auction day Payment Terms: By charge to a funds account at a Federal Reserve Bank on issue date, or payment of full par amount with tender. TreasuryDirect customers can use the Pay Direct feature which authorizes a charge to their account of record at their financial institution on issue date.

Indexing Information: CPI Base Reference Period 1982-1984 Ref CPI 04/15/1999 164.39333 Index Ratio 4/15/1999 1.00000