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Chairman Greenspan is tentatively planning to include a discussion of the monetary base at the May 17, 1988 meeting. The objective would be to ascertain the prevailing view on whether or not to include the monetary base among the aggregates to be considered at the "Humphrey-Hawkins" meeting in July. A consensus in favor of using the monetary base would not necessarily mean that a formal range would be set for the second half of this year but would at least imply the consideration of a tentative range for 1989.

Memoranda will be circulated later. If this issue is on the agenda, a relatively long meeting will probably be needed.