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*Letter of Transmittal*



Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System  
Washington, D.C.

May 2010

The Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Pursuant to the requirements of section 10 of the Federal Reserve Act, I am pleased to submit the ninety-sixth annual report of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

This report covers operations of the Board during calendar year 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Bernanke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "B" and a long, sweeping tail.

Ben Bernanke  
*Chairman*