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ITEM 5. Other Events  
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On December 17, 2002, The Bank of New York Company, Inc. issued a press release announcing a \$390 million provision for the fourth quarter of 2002. Exhibit 99 is a copy of such press release and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits  
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(c) Exhibit	Description
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SIGNATURE  
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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: December 17, 2002

THE BANK OF NEW YORK COMPANY, INC.  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Thomas J. Mastro  
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Name: Thomas J. Mastro  
Title: Comptroller

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