Assets	Liabilities

Assume the Fed is presently holding 100b in Bonds

Bank Reserves

100b

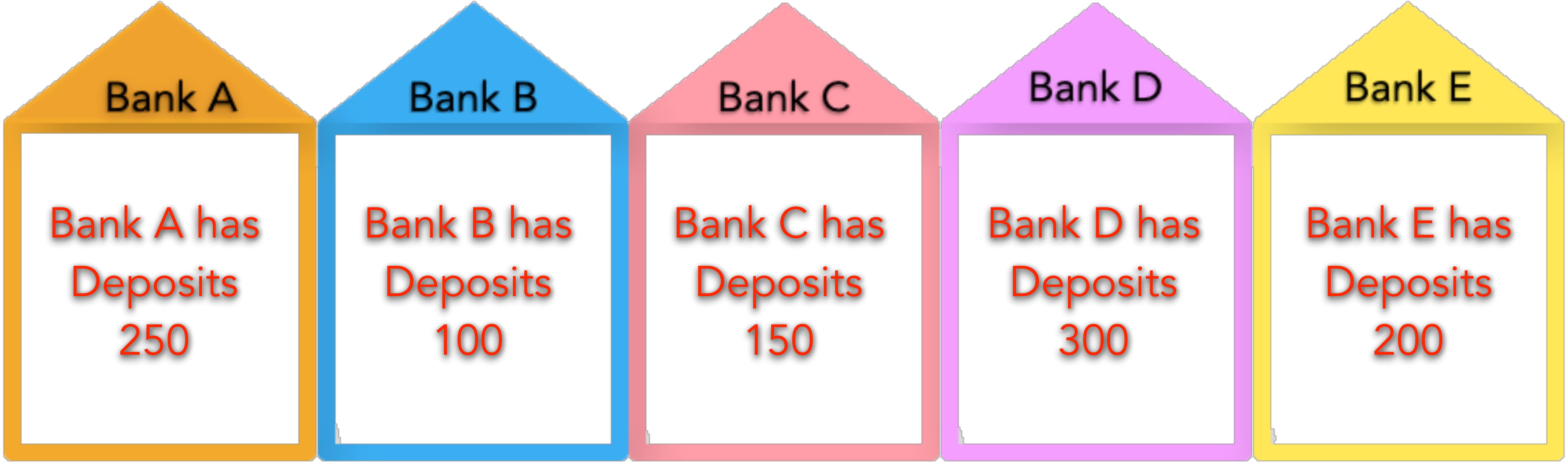
$$R_A = 0.1 \times 250 = 25b$$

$$R_B = 0.1 \times 100 = 10b$$

$$R_C = 0.1 \times 150 = 15b$$

$$R_D = 0.1 \times 300 = 30b$$

$$R_E = 0.1 \times 200 = 20b$$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Bank C
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Bank E
Bank E has Deposits 200

Total Reserves = 100b

Bond holders

Sell 10b in bonds to the Fed

The Fed now holds 110b in Bonds


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Bond holders

Fed pays $10b to Bond sellers


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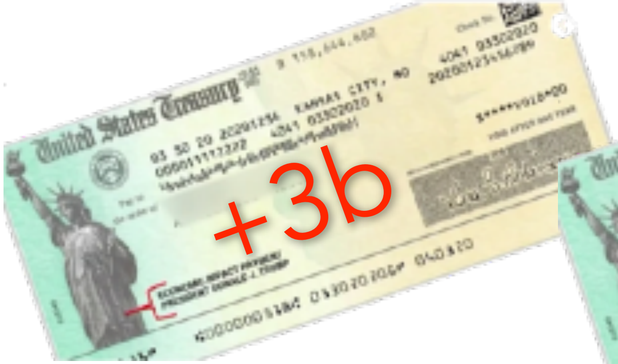
Banks send these checks to the Fed for clearing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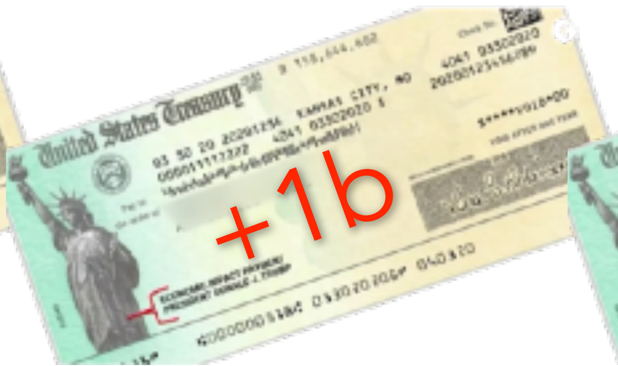
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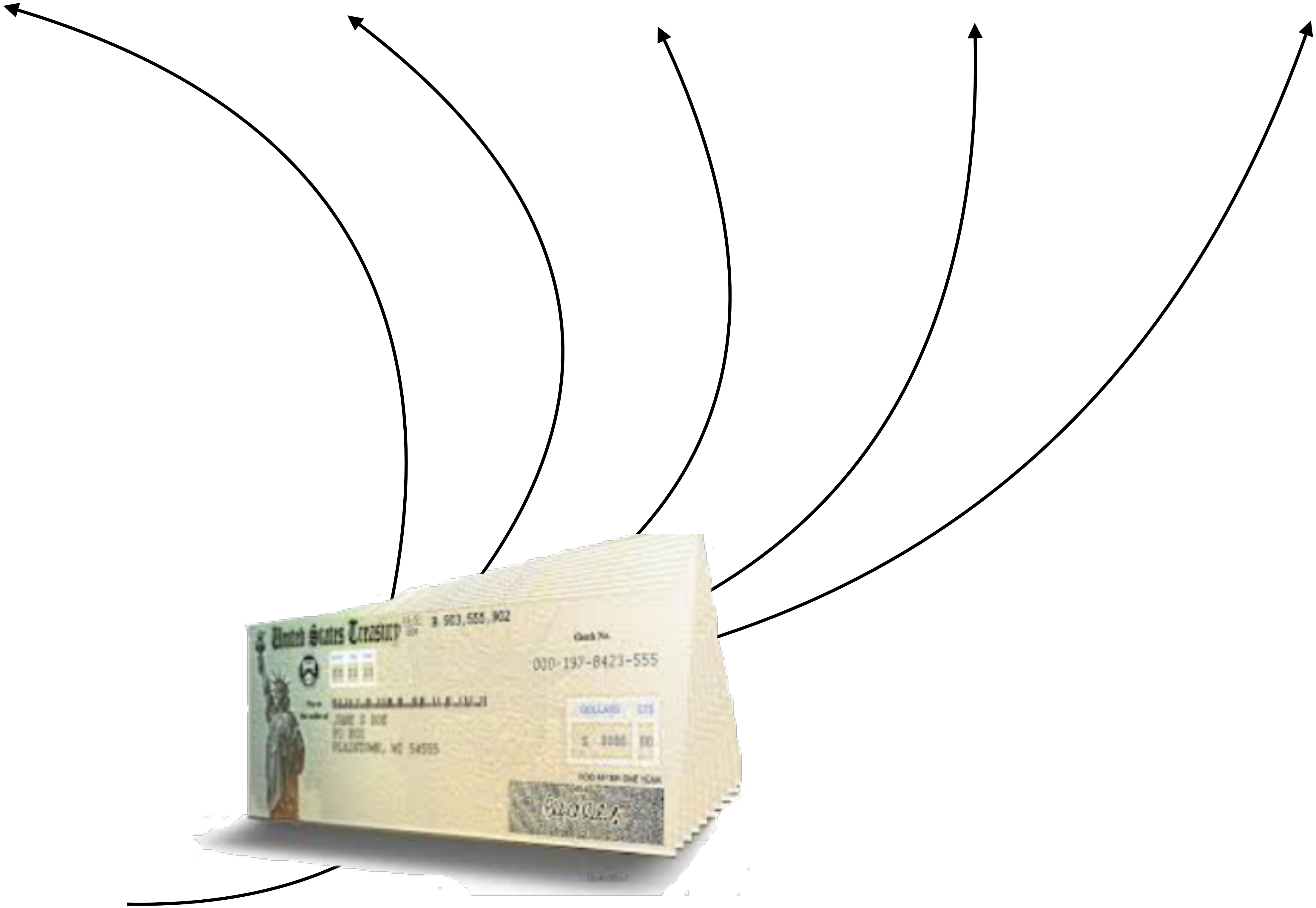

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Where did the Fed get the money to pay for these bonds?

Nowhere! The money is simply ***created*** by changing a computer entry that reads how many reserves each bank has

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Total Reserves =110b

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This is what the Fed does to stimulate the economy

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and destroys the checks

Public deposits these checks into their banks

When the Fed buys 10b in bonds, the Fed creates 10b in new money and bank Reserves increase by 10b