The Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta opened its new headquarters at 1000 Peachtree Street in 2001. It was an important occasion for us, of course, but it was overshadowed—indeed, placed in its proper perspective—by two other developments in the year.

For the first time in a decade, the U.S. economy contracted, weighed down initially by a sharp decline in investment spending. Then, on September 11, for the first time in nearly two hundred years, major population centers in the United States—including its financial and government capitals—were attacked. While the outcome of the war that followed has never been in doubt, the uncertainty it unleashed nevertheless exacerbated the economic and financial outlook.

Even so, an honest assessment of the long-term prospects of the United States and its economy can only be favorable. That’s because the very thing that makes this country vulnerable to a terrorist attack—its openness—is also one of its greatest sources of strength. Open markets, open borders, open access to information, open minds: all guarantee that financial resources flow to their most efficient uses, that companies are able to do what they do best, that consumers have the broadest range of choices—that the U.S. economy continues to expand and realize the full measure of its potential.

Even though openness tends to be self-reinforcing, it’s the responsibility of public institutions to maintain the conditions and systems that support openness. In the United States, the Federal Reserve shares responsibility for the economy and the financial system with other institutions. We work with private and public institutions to ensure that Americans never have to wonder whether a payment will clear and with federal and state government agencies to provide for the stability of the financial system. And, of course, through...
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