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December 18, 2002

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8 - K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report  
(Date of earliest event reported):  
December 17, 2002

THE BANK OF NEW YORK COMPANY, INC.  
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(exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NEW YORK  
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-06152  
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(Commission file number)

13-2614959  
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(I.R.S. employer identification number)

One Wall Street, New York, NY  
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(Address of principal executive offices)

10286  
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(Zip code)

212-495-1784  
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(Registrant's telephone number,  
including area code)

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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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99	Announcement of a \$390 million provision for the fourth quarter of 2002 contained in the press release dated December 17, 2002, of The Bank of New York Company, Inc.

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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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