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 March 18, 1997 (Date of earliest event reported)

THE CHASE MANHATTAN CORPORATION (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-5805 13-2624428 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission file (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation) number) Identification No.)

270 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10017 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(212) 270-6000 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not applicable (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Item 5. Other Events

On March 18, 1997, The Chase Manhattan Corporation announced an 11% increase in its quarterly Common Stock dividend to \$.62 per share from \$.56 per share.

A copy of the press release is attached as an exhibit hereto.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and $\mathsf{Exhibits}$

The following exhibit is filed with this Report:

Exhibit Number	Description

99.1 Press Release.

SIGNATURE

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.

THE CHASE MANHATTAN CORPORATION (Registrant)

By: /s/ Anthony J. Horan

Anthony J. Horan Corporate Secretary

Dated: March 18, 1997

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99.1 Press Release.

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The Chase Manhattan Corporation 270 Park Avenue New York, NY 10017-2070

News Release

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For Immediate Release Tuesday, March 18, 1997

Chase Raises Dividend

New York, March 18 -- The Board of Directors of The Chase Manhattan Corporation today increased the quarterly dividend on outstanding shares of the Corporation's common stock to \$.62 per share, up 11 percent from \$.56 per share, payable April 30, 1997 to shareholders of record at the close of business on April 4, 1997. On an annual basis, this would represent an increase in the dividend rate to \$2.48 per share from \$2.24 per share.