

EXECUTIVE ORDER

CONSOLIDATING THE BANKING SUPERVISORY AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT

By virtue of the authority vested in me by Title I of the First War Powers Act, 1941, approved December 18, 1941 (Public Law 354, 77th Congress), and as President of the United States, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. It is the purpose of this order, in accordance with which it shall be interpreted and administered, to effect economies in the use of Government workers; to eliminate unnecessary expense; to avoid duplication of effort and the exercise of duplicated functions, powers, and duties; and generally to provide a coordinated program of bank supervision by the Federal Government designed to support economic stability and national credit policy.

2. The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System is utilized to consolidate and coordinate the supervisory functions of the Federal Government with respect to member banks of the Federal Reserve System. To that end the functions, powers, and duties of the Comptroller of the Currency and of the Bureau of the Comptroller of the Currency are redistributed as follows:

(a) All functions, powers, and duties, except as otherwise provided herein, are transferred to and shall be administered by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

(b) Functions, powers, and duties with respect to the examination and supervision of building and loan associations located in the District of Columbia, together with all personnel, funds, books, records and other property assigned to this function, are transferred to the National Housing Agency.

(c) Functions, powers, and duties with respect to the chartering and supervision of National Agricultural Credit Corporations, together with all personnel, funds, books, records and other property assigned to this function, are transferred to the Farm Credit Administration.

(d) Functions, powers, and duties with respect to the liquidation of national banks for which a receiver had been appointed, together with all related personnel, funds, books, records and other property of the Division of Insolvent National Banks in the Bureau of the Comptroller of the Currency, are transferred to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

(e) Functions, powers, and duties of the Comptroller of the Currency and of the Bureau of the Comptroller of the Currency with respect to the printing, engraving, custody and retiring of currency, together with all personnel, funds, books, records and other property assigned to this function, are transferred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

(f) Functions, powers, and duties of the Comptroller of the Currency under section 30 of the Banking Act of 1933 are, with respect

to each Federal Reserve district and the national banks located therein, transferred to the Federal Reserve Agent of such district.

(g) Functions, powers, and duties of the Comptroller of the Currency as an ex officio member of the board of directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation are transferred to the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System or, in the event of a vacancy in the office of the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System or during his absence from Washington, to the Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

(h) All other personnel, books, records and other property of the Bureau of the Comptroller of the Currency are transferred to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. All unexpended moneys appropriated to the Bureau of the Comptroller of the Currency, not otherwise transferred by this order, are transferred to the general fund of the Treasury. All unexpended moneys derived by the Bureau of the Comptroller of the Currency from assessments made on national banks for examinations are transferred to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to be administered by the Board.

(i) The offices of the Comptroller of the Currency and all Deputy Comptrollers of the Currency are hereby vacated for the duration of this order: Provided That, for such period as the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System may find necessary to effectuate the consolidations herein ordered, the Comptroller of the Currency and the

Deputy Comptrollers of the Currency may continue to function in their respective capacities under its direction and supervision.

3. The functions, powers, and duties of the Secretary of the Treasury with respect to the licensing of the opening or reopening of banks, the purchase by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation of preferred stock, capital notes, or debentures from banks, and the supervision of the Bureau of the Comptroller of the Currency or the approval or appointment of the personnel of such Bureau are transferred to and shall be administered by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

4. All orders, rules, regulations, permits, obligations, or privileges made, issued or granted by or in respect of any agency, function, power, or duty consolidated hereunder shall continue in effect to the same extent as if such consolidation had not occurred until modified, superseded, or repealed.

5. This order shall become effective as of the date hereof and shall be in force and effect so long as Title I of the First War Powers Act, 1941, remains in force.

THE WHITE HOUSE