

The meeting of the executive committee of the Federal Open Market Committee was reconvened in the offices of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in Washington on Friday, December 12, 1941, at 4:45 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Eccles, Chairman
Mr. Sproul, Vice Chairman
Mr. Ransom
Mr. McKee
Mr. Leach

Mr. Morrill, Secretary
Mr. Carpenter, Assistant Secretary
Mr. Wyatt, General Counsel
Mr. Goldenweiser, Economist
Mr. Williams, Associate Economist
Mr. Dreibelbis, Assistant General Counsel
Mr. Piser, Senior Economist in the
Division of Research and Statistics
of the Board of Governors

Messrs. Szymczak, Draper, Fleming, Davis, and
Peyton, members of the Federal Open Market
Committee

There was unanimous agreement that, because of continued uncertainty with respect to the amount of support that might be required in the Government securities market, the authority of the New York Bank to effect transactions for the System account as enlarged by the action of the members of the executive committee on December 8, 1941, should be continued, and that the limit of \$100,000,000 on the amount by which total bonds in the account could be increased or decreased by means of shifts should be removed.

Thereupon, upon motion duly made and seconded, and by unanimous vote, the executive committee directed the Federal Reserve

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Bank of New York, until otherwise directed by the executive committee,

(1) To make such shifts of securities in the account (which may be accomplished when desirable through replacement of maturing securities) as may be necessary in the practical administration of the account or for the purpose of exercising an influence toward maintaining orderly market conditions, up to an aggregate of \$200,000,000 of purchases and a like amount of sales or redemptions;

(2) To make such outright purchases or sales for the System account as may be necessary for the purpose of exercising an influence toward maintaining orderly market conditions, provided that the total amount of securities in the account be not increased or decreased through operations under this paragraph by more than \$200,000,000; and

(3) Upon approval by a majority of the members of the executive committee, which may be obtained by telephone, telegraph, or mail, to make such other shifts or such purchases or sales (which would include authority to allow maturities to run off without replacement) for the account as may be found to be desirable within the limits of the authority granted to the executive committee by the Federal Open Market Committee.

Thereupon the meeting adjourned.

Robert Morrie
Secretary.

Approved:

W. C. C. C.
Chairman.