

Internal Memorandum

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Interview with Mr. Woodlief Thomas
Federal Reserve Board, Washington, D. C.

This interview was more discursive than a later one should be. Mr. Thomas was very helpful in suggesting people who might help out in specific situations concerning specific papers. He said, for instance, that Mr. MacAdoo has a grandson whose name is Bryce Claggett at Princeton University. The mother and father are both dead. The boy might know something about his grandfather's papers. (See memo of conversation with Katherine Brand at the Library of Congress on the MacAdoo papers.) #In the matter of Mr. Goldenwiser's papers and the continuing difficulties which illness in the family imposes Mr. Thomas suggested that the best person to talk to might not be Mrs. Goldenwiser but her son-in-law Mr. Andrew Kamark, now with the International Bank. ^{Mr. Thomas'} ~~His~~ name may be used as introduction. He also suggested that Mr. Goldenwiser's son who has changed his name to Allen (the full name is John Alexis Allen), who teaches at Rochester University ^{and} is getting his Doctor at the University of ^{North} Carolina, might be able to get at his father's papers in the recess this spring or possibly during the summer. If this is undertaken it should be on a such a basis that he is compensated for the time which he puts in. Mr. Thomas tried to telephone Mr. Kamark but again family illness had kept the latter at home and thus far there is no result on this.

He confirmed a previous piece of information that Mr. Ficks is the person who would probably know most about the papers of Adolph Miller. Mr. Ficks is unfortunately in the hospital. It has however been arranged that a Miss Rosa Ernst who is an employee of the Board and also in nurses aid at that particular hospital will try to speak to Mr. Ficks about this when she

sees him there.

Mr. Thomas said that Mr. Emile Despres of Williams College had worked on the Morgenthau papers. He also suggested Mr. Ralph Robey (see interview with Mr. Daniel Bell for more information on the Morgenthau papers).

Mr. Thomas says that Senator Owen is still living at 2400 16th Street (check this with information from the Library of Congress about Mr. Owen's papers).

Mr. Thomas thought that Mr. Bray Hammond might also know about the Miller papers. Mr. Hammond is at present in Italy ~~(Mrs. Hammond was born in the address on another strip of paper)~~ (address, via Schaffer 7, Merano, Provincia di Bolzano, Italy

Mr. Thomas was described by Mr. Carl Parry as "the indispensable man" in this project. Obviously he will have much more to contribute than came out in this particular interview.