

June 27, 1941.


Memorandum to Chairman Eccles:

Attached is a copy of the wire from Mr. Foley to the President of each Federal Reserve Bank as it went through our telegraph office. Our first information about this was in the telephone call from President Davis of St. Louis to Mr. Paulger making inquiry about the conference because he had received the wire. As I told you that was the first information Mr. Paulger had and Mr. McKee and Mr. Ransom had not heard about it.

In response to your telephone call about reimbursement of travel expenses, Mr. Smead tells me that ordinarily the Federal Reserve Banks do obtain reimbursement, that they should do so, and he thinks that it would be only in some exceptional case that they do not.

Later: Since dictating the above Mr. Paulger learned that Mr. Davis talked to Dan Bell about this over the phone and Mr. Davis is not coming to the conference but will send three members of his staff.

Attachment



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W32PRESIDENT, FEDERAL RESERVE BANK

IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF YOU AND SUCH MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF AS YOU DESIRE COULD BE PRESENT IN WASHINGTON ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY OF NEXT WEEK IN ORDER TO DISCUSS FREEZING CONTROL PROBLEMS WITH THE TREASURY AND THE OTHER FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AS WELL AS BANK EXAMINERS OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY'S OFFICE. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT YOU BRING WITH YOU SOME MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF WHO ARE WORKING DIRECTLY ON FREEZING CONTROL PROBLEMS. SUCH CONFERENCES WILL BE DEVOTED TO A DISCUSSION OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH ARE ARISING IN CONNECTION WITH FREEZING CONTROL BOTH IN THE FIELD AND IN WASHINGTON AND WE WILL TRY TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE CONTROL. THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE GLAD TO HAVE YOU REPORT AS TO HOW THE FREEZING CONTROL IS WORKING OUT IN YOUR DISTRICT AND ALSO AS TO ANY PROBLEMS THAT MAY BE ARISING IN YOUR DISTRICT IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONTROL. IF YOU DEEM IT DESIRABLE YOU MAY ALSO ASK REPRESENTATIVES OF YOUR BRANCH BANKS FAMILIAR WITH FREEZING CONTROL PROBLEMS TO ACCOMPANY YOU. ADVISE BY WIRE IF WE MAY EXPECT TO SEE YOU AND THE NUMBER OF YOUR STAFF WHO WILL ACCOMPANY YOU.

E. H. FOLEY, JR.

ACTING SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.