

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
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Office Correspondence

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To Board of Governors

Subject: Downey Resolution re investigation

From Mr. Vest

of banking agencies.

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We have previously been informed that the Comptroller of the Currency had been asked to furnish certain information at a hearing of the subcommittee of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, scheduled for today, to consider the Downey Resolution. The request came to the Comptroller from Mr. Downey, Chairman of the subcommittee.

Mr. Cherry was advised this morning by Mr. Robertson, Deputy Comptroller of the Currency that Senator Wagner, upon his return to the city, declined to recognize the appointment of a subcommittee to consider the Downey Resolution, claiming that Senator Barkley had no authority to appoint a subcommittee during his (Wagner's) absence from the Senate. Mr. Cherry was also told that Senator Wagner wrote Senator Downey a letter stating that he could not recognize him as Chairman of such a subcommittee.

This afternoon Mr. Robertson telephoned me to say that the hearing which was to have been held this morning was not held. Apparently it was called off indefinitely. Mr. Robertson understands that the probabilities are now that the Senators interested in this matter will get together around the table with Chairman Eccles, Comptroller Delano and Mr. Harl of the FDIC, at which time the matter will be discussed on an informal basis and without documents.

The above information comes to us second or third hand but is probably authoritative.

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