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BOARD OF GOVERNORS
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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Office Correspondence

Date December 28, 1950.

To Mr. Eccles

Subject: _____

From Mr. Sherman

For your information there is quoted below an excerpt from the minutes of the meeting of the Board on December 18, 1950:

"Reference was made to the understanding reached by the Board on October 25, 1950, that in the absence of an emergency or other compelling reason no matter falling within the assignment of a member of the Board would be placed on the docket by another member without affording the member having the assignment, before the meeting of the Board, an adequate opportunity to submit a carefully considered recommendation for action by the Board. Subsequently, Mr. Vardaman had requested that a matter be put on the agenda which he had not discussed with the member of the Board having the assignment and the Secretary advised that he had no authority under the arrangement approved by the Board, as he interpreted it, to put the matter on the docket. Thereupon, Mr. Vardaman had expressed the opinion that no Board member should be prevented from putting any matter on the docket that he might choose, that the Secretary should put such matters on the docket for a meeting if requested by a Board member, and that the Board should then decide whether it would be considered or referred to the member of the Board whose assignments include the subject matter involved.

"During a discussion of the matter Mr. Eccles suggested that before putting a subject on the docket which fell within the assignments of another member of the Board the member desiring a discussion of the matter should first take it up with the member who had the assignment, but that it be understood that if that were not done the Secretary would comply with the Board member's request that the matter be placed on the agenda for a meeting and at that time the Board would decide whether it would discuss it or would refer it to the appropriate member of the Board for a recommendation.

"Mr. Eccles' suggestion was approved unanimously."

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