

FOUR-POINT PROGRAM, EARLY 1946

- (1) Elimination of preferential discount rate
Proposed in July 1945, December 1945, January 1946, and March 1946,
opposed by Secretary of Treasury in each case.
Eliminated in April 1946.
- (2) Increase in bill rate and elimination of buying rate by Federal Reserve
Suggested during war and again proposed in July 1945.
To be accompanied by reduction in market bills and exchange of
Federal Reserve bill holdings for special certificate at 1/8
per cent.
- (3) Debt retirement through use of Treasury cash balance
- (4) Establishment of bill-certificate reserve requirement

Attachments

Preferential discount rate

Letter	✓ 7/9/45	Eccles to Morgenthau
"	7/27/45	Vinson to Ransom
"	✓ 12/13/45	Eccles to Vinson
"	✓ 12/29/45	Vinson to Eccles
Memo	1/28/46	Report by Thomas of meeting with Treasury staff
"	1/31/46	Report by Eccles of conference with Secretary of Treasury
Letter	✓ 3/22/46	Eccles to Vinson
"	✓ 3/28/46	Vinson to Eccles
"	✓ 4/19/46	Eccles to Vinson

Dates of elimination of preferential rate by each Federal Reserve
Bank

General

Memo 3/5/46 Inflation, Bank Credit, and the Government Debt
Annual Report 1945, pp. 1-8, Monetary Situation as a Result of War

DATES OF ELIMINATION OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE PREFERENTIAL
DISCOUNT RATE ON ADVANCES SECURED BY
GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS
April-May 1946

<u>Federal Reserve Bank</u>	<u>Date</u>
Boston	April 27
New York	April 25
Philadelphia	April 25
Cleveland	May 3
Richmond	May 10
Atlanta	May 10
Chicago	April 26
St. Louis	April 26
Minneapolis	April 26
Kansas City	April 27
Dallas	May 10
San Francisco	April 25