TO THE MEMBER BANK ADDRESSED:

Under the provisions of Section 19 of the Federal Reserve Act, the reserve required to be carried by member banks with Federal Reserve Banks will, effective November 16th, 1915, be increased as follows:

Banks not in reserve or central reserve cities shall hold and maintain for the succeeding six months three-twelfths instead of two-twelfths of their required legal reserve.

Banks in reserve cities shall hold and maintain for the succeeding six months four-fifteenths instead of three-fifteenths of their required legal reserve.

After consideration of the changes that have taken place in the general banking situation since the initial reserve payments were called, it is felt that the privilege of establishing the necessary increased balances by transfers from funds now on deposit in central reserve cities should be accorded, and drafts on members of the Federal Reserve System in New York, Chicago and St. Louis will be accepted at the current rate of exchange applicable on the date of receipt.

Reserve accounts may also be increased to the proper proportions by shipments of gold or lawful money, or Federal Reserve Notes. CHARGES MUST BE PREPAID.

GOLD COINS FALLING BELOW THE LIMIT OF TOLERANCE IN WEIGHT WILL BE ACCEPTED AT BULLION VALUE ONLY, AND SHORTAGES WILL BE CHARGED TO THE ACCOUNTS OF THE SENDING BANKS.

Eligible paper conforming with the Federal Reserve Act and regulations of the Federal Reserve Board may be accepted in payment of not exceeding one-half of this installment. Such paper must be submitted for discount on our regular application blanks, and sufficient time allowed for action on same by our Executive Committee.

It is urged that member banks take cognizance of the increased requirements shortly to become operative and promptly place sufficient acceptable funds on deposit with this bank to make their reserve intact.

Respectfully,

R. L. VAN ANDT,
Governor.