

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK  
OF DALLAS

Dallas, Texas, June 5, 1963

**DISTRIBUTION OF COIN**

**To All Banks in the**

**Eleventh Federal Reserve District:**

Over the past few years, there has been a marked increase in demands for coin from collectors and dealers. These demands have placed an additional strain upon the facilities of the Mint and the Federal Reserve Banks and have been causing a sharp rise in the cost of handling money shipments. Requests for uncirculated coin and large orders for coin to screen for premium items have raised the volume of shipments and have withdrawn some coin from circulation.

These developments make it necessary for the Federal Reserve Banks to re-emphasize the basic purposes of currency and coin distribution, and to request the cooperation of all banks in reducing the impact of special promotions and coin collectors' orders upon the supplies and cost of handling currency and coin.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas is furnished coin by the Mints in order to supply the needs of commerce and industry in this District. Coin is supplied as a medium of exchange — not as a collector's item. The Reserve Banks pay out coin without regard to (1) the year or date of mintage, or (2) whether the coin is new or uncirculated. This Bank will not knowingly supply coin for special promotion purposes or to dealers and collectors.

In view of the increasingly heavy demands through the member banks, the need to conserve coin supplies, and the desirability of restricting the advance in shipping costs, we are asking the cooperation of all banks in discouraging orders for coin for purposes other than as a medium of exchange to commerce and industry. We are specifically requesting all banks to refrain from ordering coin merely for collectors or dealers. Moreover, we will request an explanation on all future orders where the amount requested is unduly large, either in total or for a specific coin.

Customers of banks who wish to obtain coin for collections or as a dealer should be referred to the Office of the Treasurer of the United States (Cash Division) in Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

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President