

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF DALLAS
DALLAS, TEXAS

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CRIMES AGAINST BANKS

To All State Member Banks in the

Eleventh Federal Reserve District:

It is the established policy of the Federal Reserve System to report to the Department of Justice all apparent violations of the criminal provisions of the banking laws of the United States occurring in State member banks. Moreover, the Department of Justice has pointed out that reports concerning possible criminal irregularities in banks should be made promptly in order to minimize the danger of prosecution failing.

The rising rate of crimes against banks moves us to remind all State member banks that reports of all criminal irregularities involving banking laws should be made immediately to this Federal Reserve Bank. Such reports should be directed to the attention of the vice president in charge of the bank examination department. It should be remembered that criminal irregularities include all infractions of fidelity by bank personnel, embezzlements, defalcations, abstractions, false entries, etc., and robberies, holdups, and attempts at such.

To insure early action in connection with the apprehension of those guilty of bank robberies, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has requested that violations of the Bank Robbery Statute be reported immediately to local authorities and to the local field office of the Bureau. The written report to this bank of robberies, holdups, and attempts at such should be furnished as soon as possible after local authorities and the local FBI office have been notified.

In your reports to this bank, please advise whether prior reports have been made to local authorities and to the local field office of the FBI.

Yours very truly,

Watrous H. Irons

President