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At a special meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Board at 2:00 P. M. on Wednesday, October 4, 1916,

PRESENT: Governor Harding, presiding, Mr. Miller, Mr. Warburg, Mr. Williams, Mr. Delano, Mr. Hamlin.

Mr. Willis, Secretary, and Mr. J. P. Cotton, Mr. H. R. Dulany, of Counsel. Mr. D. R. Forgan, of Chicago, was first heard on behalf of Messrs. Charles A. Hurlburd and Stanley Field, both being directors in the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, while Mr. Hurlburd was a director in the Corn Exchange Bank, and Mr. Field a director in the National City Bank of Chicago, of which latter institution Mr. Forgan is President.

The Board heard the testimony of Mr. J. J. Sullivan of Cleveland, Ohio, who spoke for himself, Mr. C. E. Sullivan, Mr. Louis Black, Mr. J. H. Hoyt, and Mr. M. L. McBride, who were directors of the Superior Savings & Trust Company of Cleveland, while some of them were also directors of the Central National Bank and others of the Bank of Commerce, also of Cleveland.

The Board heard the testimony of Mr. W. B. Gourley of Paterson, New Jersey, a Director in the First National Bank of Paterson, also of the Hamilton Trust Company.

The Board heard the testimony of Mr. Wilton Snowden, Mr. W. L. Hurst, and Mr. A. D. Graham, who appeared on behalf of the Citizens National Bank and the Mercantile Trust & Deposit Company of Baltimore, Mr. Snowden stating that he wished also to represent Mr. H. E. Young.

Mr. Charles E. Chase, of Hartford, Connecticut, was heard, he being a Director in the Hartford-Aetna National Bank and in the Connecticut Trust & Savings Company, both of Hartford.

At the conclusion of Mr. Chase's testimony the Secretary of the Board submitted a statement furnished by Mr. H. E. Gatley, of Washington, as a result of testimony of the previous day, relative to the number of notes discounted by his bank and the Bank of Commerce & Saving<sup>5</sup>. The papers were referred to the Committee on Operation of the Clayton Act.

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On motion at 4:55 P. M. the Board adjourned.

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