At a special meeting of the Federal Reserve Board
held in the office of the Governor on Thursday, January
25, at 3:30 p. m.,

PRESENT:

Mr. Harding, presiding,  Mr. Hamlin,
Mr. Warburg,          Mr. Miller,
Mr. Delano,           Mr. Willis, Secretary.

The reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting
was dispensed with.

The Secretary of the Board presented a memorandum
relating to the question of reports of member banks. After
brief discussion the matter was referred to the Executive
Committee with power to act.

The pending amendment relating to the status of
deputy Federal reserve agents now before the House Banking
and Currency Committee in connection with their liability
and that of Federal reserve agents, was discussed, but no
action taken.

A memorandum prepared by Chief of Division Broderick
relative to the control of the Gold Settlement Fund, was pre-
sented by the Secretary of the Board and, on motion, approved.

A report of the Committee on Staff relating to the
proposed increase in salaries at Chicago was read and, after
discussion, laid on the table.

A memorandum of the Committee on Staff recommend-
ing the transfer of Mr. R. M. Gidney, the present secre-
tary of Mr. A. C. Miller to the staff of the Division of
Audit and Examination at a salary of $3600 per annum, was
read and, on motion, approved.

Mr. Miller gave notice of the appointment of Mr.
Henry C. Breck as his secretary, the appointment to take
effect on February 1.

A report of the Committee on Staff relative to sal-
aries at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta having been
read, it was moved to amend the report by fixing the salary
of Governor McCord for the year 1917 at $9,000, the pres-
ent figure, instead of $10,000, the proposed figure. On
being put to a vote, the amendment was defeated. The
question of the original report recurring, it was, on mo-
tion, adopted.

A report of the Committee on Staff relating to
salaries at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City was
read and, on motion, laid on the table.

Discussion with reference to the question whether
the title vice governor or deputy governor should be assigned
to the executive officer of the second rank at Federal
reserve banks ensued, but no action was taken.

The Secretary of the Board read the minutes of
a meeting of the Committee on the Clayton Act held on
January 25 at 10:30 a.m., and, on motion, the same were
approved and the action therein set forth ratified.

The application of the First National Bank of
Bar Harbor, Maine, for fiduciary powers, which had previ-
ously been approved with respect to all except the
power to act as administrator, was again presented to
the Board with recommendation that the power to act as
administrator be added in view of a recent decision of
the probate courts of Maine favorable to the exercise of
such power. On motion, the authority was granted.

A report of the Committee on Operation of the
Federal Reserve Bank of New York relative to certain
statements contained in a letter from former Examiner
Charles Starek addressed to the Comptroller of the Cur-
rency, was read. After discussion, it was, on motion,
voted to recommit the report.
Mr. Harding reported the substance of a conversation he had had with Acting Governor Treman of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York regarding the proposed plan for crediting checks on Federal reserve banks, Mr. Treman desiring to know what action, if any, the Board had taken. After discussion it was, on motion, voted upon recommendation of the Committee on Clearing, that the plan already discussed and outlined go into effect not later than April 1, provided, however, that the aggregate amount of drafts acceptable at par be limited to $10,000 in any one day for any one bank for the time being. It was informally agreed that the Committee of Governors which had been considering this matter, be asked to prepare a draft of a uniform circular and announcement to member banks, the same to be sent to the Board for its information and approval.

On motion at 5:45 p.m. the Board adjourned to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, January 26.

APPROVED:

[Signature]
Chairman.