

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Board at 12 noon on Thursday, January 17,

PRESENT:

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

A letter from the Alien Property Custodian regarding the question of designating private banks as depositaries, was presented by Governor Harding, read and discussed and various methods of determining the banks that should be permitted to hold funds on deposit for the Custodian, were outlined. No final action was taken.

Governor Harding reported progress regarding the issuing of the Board's annual report.

Mr. Warburg outlined the result of inquiries he had made in New York with reference to the best methods of investigating and passing upon applications for capital issues, and also discussed the question of the personnel necessary to conduct investigations, and administrative side of the work. He suggested first of all the obtaining of a capable investment banker who should be on the ground practically

continuously, and suggested the name of Mr. Allan Forbes as chief adviser in regard to the undertaking. The names of various other persons who might act in an advisory capacity, and also the names of persons probably eligible for membership on the executive staff in charge of the work were also suggested.

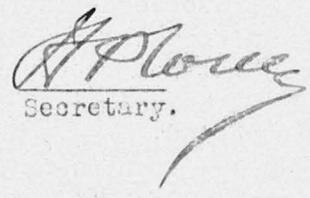
It was informally agreed that Mr. Warburg present the name of Mr. Allan Forbes to Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo in order to ascertain his ideas in regard to the matter.

Governor Harding presented a letter from Federal Reserve Agent Rich in which request was made that the Treasury Department send to Reserve agents copies of communications relative to the Liberty Loan campaign which might be addressed to Governors of Reserve banks. It was agreed that Governor Harding ask Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Leffingwell to write a letter to Federal Reserve banks stating that whenever any communication is had either with Federal Reserve agent or Governor, a copy of the communication should be sent to the other.

On motion, at 1 p.m. the Committee adjourned.

APPROVED:


Chairman.


Secretary.