May 4, 1923.

MEMORANDUM FOR GOVERNOR CRISSINGER:

The undersigned request that you call a special meeting of the Federal Reserve Board for today, Friday, May 4th, 1923, at 3:00 p.m.

C. C. Mills

Edmund Pratt
A special meeting of the Federal Reserve Board, called at the written
request of three members thereof, was held in the office of the Governor at
3:00 P.M. on Friday, May 4, 1923:

PRESENT: Governor Crissinger
           Mr. Platt
           Mr. Hamlin
           Mr. Miller
           Mr. Dawes
           Mr. Eddy, Assistant Secretary.

Consideration was given to a number of telegraphic requests for post-
ponement of the hearing scheduled for 10:00 A.M. Monday, May 7th, on the pro-
posal of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston to establish an agency at Havana,
Cuba. The Governor was requested to send to the Chairman of the Board of
Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta the following telegram, and
authorized also to make public the contents thereof:

"Board has received a number of telegrams asking
postponement of the hearing on proposed Cuban
agency scheduled for Monday next. You are ad-
vised that the Board sees no occasion for post-
ponement of hearing. This hearing was called by
the Board at the request of certain commercial
banks for the purpose of getting further and
fuller information with respect to certain questions
in connection with proposed agency, more particular-
ly for the purpose of determining whether such an
agency might result in unfair competition with mem-
ber banks dealing in Cuban exchange and, in the event
that an agency should be authorized, what should be
the precise scope of its operations in purchasing,
collecting and selling exchange. Several telegrams
have been received by me from your district, from
which it appears the signers are suffering from a
misapprehension as to the purpose of the hearing and
from the fear that your bank may be deprived of the
benefits which have accrued to it from supplying a
large volume of Federal Reserve notes for circulation
in Cuba. I can assure you that whatever is done the
Board will recognize the equity your bank now has in the situation because of the substantial volume of notes it has supplied to Cuba. This is also recognized by Governor Harding in his amended plan for an agency and full provision will be made in case any agency is authorized to insure that your bank shall be given facilities the same as those existing for the redemption of its unfit notes in Cuba and the placing into circulation of new and fit notes as may be required. I trust that this information will allay any misgivings as to the purpose and outcome of the hearing to be held next Monday. Please so advise the following from whom I have received telegrams with respect to this matter:

John K. Ottley, Atlanta
C. B. Claiborne, New Orleans
Edw. W. Lane, Jacksonville
Senator Wm. J. Harris, Atlanta
Oscar Wells, First National Bank, Birmingham, and
T. R. Bennett, Superintendent Banks, Georgia."

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Approved:

Governor.

Assistant Secretary.