Upon call of the Governor a meeting of the Federal Reserve Board was held in the office of the Federal Reserve Board on Monday, October 5, 1925 at 11:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Governor Crissinger
Mr. Platt
Mr. James
Mr. Cunningham
Mr. Eddy, Secretary

The minutes of the meetings of the Federal Reserve Board held on September 23rd, 25th and 29th were read and approved.

At this point, Mr. McIntosh entered the meeting.

The Secretary then presented copy of the program for the Conference of Federal Reserve Agents to be held in Washington on October 29th - 31st, furnished to him by Federal Reserve Agent Martin, Secretary of the Conference.

Noted with approval, and copy ordered furnished to each member of the Board.

Matter approved on initials on October 2nd, namely, memorandum dated October 1st from the Division of Examination, recommending approval of the application of the First National Bank, O'Donnell, Texas for original stock (18 shares) in the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, effective if and when the Comptroller of the Currency issues a certificate of authority to commence business.

Formally approved.

Matter approved on initials on October 3rd, namely, memorandum from the Division of Examination dated October 3rd, recommending approval of the application of the First National Bank in Hailey, Idaho for original stock (45 shares) in the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, effective if and when the Comptroller of the Currency issues a certificate of authority

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to commence business.

Formally approved.

Memorandum dated September 29th from the Deputy Comptroller of the Currency, advising that on Monday, October 5th, the Comptroller will issue a call to all national banks and to savings banks and trust companies in the District of Columbia for reports of condition as of the close of business on Monday, September 28, 1925.

The Secretary reported that a call was today being issued to state member banks for reports as of the same date.

Letter dated October 1st from the Treasurer of the United States, advising that no applications have been received from national banks during the quarter ending September 30, 1925 for the sale of bonds under Section 18 of the Federal Reserve Act.

Noted.

Report of Committee on Salaries, Expenditures and Efficiency on letter dated October 3rd from the Acting Comptroller of the Currency, recommending approval of the salary of $3,000 per annum for National Bank Examiner Edward A. Vonarb, to be assigned to the Second Federal Reserve District; the Committee also recommending approval.

Approved.

Report of Committee on Salaries, Expenditures and Efficiency on letter dated October 2nd from the Comptroller of the Currency, recommending approval of a salary of $4500 per annum for National Bank Examiner E. B. Wilson, to be assigned to the 7th Federal Reserve District; the Committee

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also recommending approval.

Approved.

Memorandum dated October 1st from Mr. James calling attention to vacancies which have existed since July 1st and August 1st, respectively, in the offices of Managing Director of the Spokane and Portland Branches of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco; Mr. James also calling attention to the fact that the Salt Lake City Branch was without a Managing Director from June 1st to July 1st, 1925.

Upon motion by Mr. James, the Governor was requested to inquire of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco as to the reason for these vacancies and the arrangements which have been made at the branches pending the election of Managing Directors.

Memorandum dated September 28th from Assistant Counsel with reference to application of the National City Bank of New York for permission to establish a sub-branch, agency or office of its Cuban Branch in Havana, Cuba, to be known as the Belascoain sub-branch; Counsel stating that there is no legal reason why the application should not be granted.

Upon motion, the following was ordered spread upon the minutes.

"The National City Bank of New York having, on or about September 24, 1925, filed an application with this Board for the purpose of obtaining authority to establish a sub-branch, agency or office of its Cuban Branch in the City of Havana in the Republic of Cuba, to be known as the Belascoain Sub-Branch, and the said application having been considered; and it appearing that the said application is properly made under the laws of the United States of America and should be granted, Now, therefore, it is

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"ORDERED, that the said application be, and it hereby is, approved, and that the said bank be, and it hereby is, authorized to establish a sub-branch, agency or office of its Cuban Branch in the City of Havana in the Republic of Cuba, to be known as the Belascoain Sub-Branch."

Matter approved on initials on September 30th, namely, memorandum dated September 30th from the Committee on Salaries, Expenditures and Efficiency, recommending approval of the recommendations of the special committee which met in Washington on September 28th and 29th, at the request of the Board, to consider changes in the functional expense reports of the Federal Reserve banks, namely, that the reports be continued in a somewhat simplified form with the elimination of a number of detailed items of expense where the amounts involved are small, and that the reports be rendered semi-annually instead of quarterly as in the past, under which arrangement the report for the quarter ending September 30th would be eliminated; the Committee also submitted for approval a form of letter to the Chairmen of all Federal Reserve banks transmitting a copy of the report of the special committee.

Formally approved.

Draft of letter to the President of the United States Civil Service Commission, replying to letters received from the Commission, with reference to information desired in the administration of the Civil Service Retirement Act; the proposed reply advising of the opinion of the Board's Counsel that the terms of the Civil Service Retirement Law are not applicable to its employees, which opinion has also been reached by the Commission, enclosing a

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list in duplicate of the employees of the Board as of October 1, 1925, and advising that the Board will continue as heretofore to furnish the Commission monthly with reports of changes in its personnel.

Approved.

Memorandum from Counsel dated September 29th submitting draft of reply to letter dated August 22nd from the Deputy Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, inquiring as to the eligibility for rediscount of sight drafts secured by bills of lading covering the shipment of eggs and dressed poultry in refrigerator cars, and inquiring whether such products should be considered non-perishable readily marketable staple agricultural products; the proposed reply stating that in the Board's opinion eggs and dressed poultry are not to be classified as non-perishable within the meaning of that term as used in Section 13 of the Federal Reserve Act.

Ordered circulated.

Memorandum dated October 1st from Counsel with further reference to the matter discussed at the meeting on September 29th with the Federal Reserve Agent at Minneapolis, namely, the eligibility for rediscount or purchase by the Federal Reserve Bank of bankers' acceptances drawn by an elevator company and secured by terminal warehouse receipts of the elevator company that draws the draft.

Ordered circulated.

Telegram dated October 5th from the Federal Reserve Agent at Chicago, recommending that Mr. Glenn Kirk, an employee of his department, be authorized to receive and receipt for Federal Reserve notes, to deliver same to the

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Federal Reserve Bank and to operate the Agent's combinations to safes and grills and that he be authorized to sign for the Federal Reserve Agent, until such time as a properly qualified man can be found to fill the office of Assistant Federal Reserve Agent or Acting Assistant Federal Reserve Agent, made vacant by the resignation of Mr. E. L. Harris.

Upon motion by Mr. James, it was voted to approve the temporary appointment of Mr. Kirk, without change in salary.

At this point, Mr. McIntosh left the meeting.

Telegram dated September 24th from the Deputy Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, inquiring whether the cost of certain items of painting, ventilating and electric lighting in connection with the proposed Branch Federal Reserve bank building at Salt Lake City may be excluded from the cost of the "building proper"; together with a letter dated October 2nd from Mr. A. B. Trowbridge, Consulting Architect, to whom the inquiry was referred.

Referred to the Executive Committee with power.

Matter ordered circulated at the meeting on September 22nd, namely, letter dated September 18th from the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, with reference to the purchase by the Federal Reserve Bank in 1920 from the Union Central Life Insurance Company of Cincinnati, of property at 4th and Race Streets, Cincinnati; the information contained therein being furnished because of the inquiry made of the Board by Messrs. Cramer and Gordon, attorneys in Cincinnati, in connection with the suit

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being brought against the Life Insurance Company by the real estate agent.

After discussion, it was voted that Messrs. Cramer and Gordon be advised that the purchase of the property in question was made by and under the supervision of the Board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland.

Memorandum dated October 2nd from Counsel, with reference to the application of Mr. John P. Wilson for permission to serve at the same time as director of the Harris Trust and Savings Bank and as director of the First National Bank, both of Chicago, Ills.; Counsel submitting the question of whether or not the institutions mentioned are in substantial competition to the Board without recommendation.

Ordered circulated.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Dated, September 30th, Recommending changes in stock at Federal Reserve Banks, as set forth in the Auxiliary Minute Book of this date.
Approved.

Dated, September 30th, Recommending action on applications for fiduciary powers as set forth in the Auxiliary Minute Book of this date.
Approved.

Dated, September 25th, Recommending action on application for admission of state bank, subject to the conditions stated in the individual reports attached to the application, as set forth in the Auxiliary Minute Book of this date.
Approved.

Dated, September 22nd, Recommending approval of the application of Mr. P. A. Myers for permission to serve at the same time as director of the First National Bank, Ashland, Ohio and as director of the Union Trust Company, Cleveland, Ohio.
Approved.

Dated, September 30th, Recommending approval of the application of Mr. A. Clifford Shinkle for permission to serve at the same time as director of the First National Bank,

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REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES: (Cont'd)

Covington, Kentucky, and as president of the Fourth and Central Trust Company, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Approved.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 o'clock.

Secretary.

Approved:

Governor.

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