A special meeting of the Federal Reserve Board was held in the office of the Federal Reserve Board on Tuesday, December 7, 1926, at 3:00 o'clock P.m.

PRESENT: Governor Crissinger
Mr. Platt
Mr. Hamlin
Mr. Miller
Mr. James
Mr. Cunningham
Mr. Eddy, Secretary
Mr. McClelland, Assistant Secretary

The Governor stated that the special order of business for this meeting would be reconsideration of the Board's action of September 23, 1926, in voting to suggest to the Federal Reserve banks that each bank exercise its own option as to the collection of non-cash items at street addresses, but continue the collection of non-cash items collectible at banks. He referred to the action of the recent Governors' Conference in adopting a committee report stating that in order to preserve that uniformity which is believed to be so essential to the best interests of the Federal Reserve System, its member banks and the public, the Federal Reserve Board should reconsider its action and determine whether, from the point of view of the Federal Reserve System as a whole, all Federal Reserve banks shall or whether all Federal Reserve banks shall not continue to handle for collection items which are payable at street addresses.

Thereupon ensued a discussion, during which individual members of the Board expressed the opinion that there is no necessity for uniformity in the matter referred to.

At this point, Mr. Goldenweiser, Acting Director of the Board's
Division of Research and Statistics, and Mr. Smead, Chief of the Board's Division of Bank Operations, entered the meeting and discussed with the Board the proposed investigation of the amount of bank credit used directly or indirectly in connection with real estate and building, a general plan for which was submitted in a memorandum from the Acting Director of the Division of Research and Statistics, which was considered at the meeting this morning. Mr. Smead advised the Board that, unless the Board particularly desired it, he did not believe it would be advisable to attempt at this time to secure detailed information on the subject through the reports of condition submitted to the Board by State member banks. He stated that a general revision of the condition report has been discussed with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, which is delaying any change in the form of report submitted by National banks pending possible enactment of the McFadden Bill. He stated that he did not believe it would be wise for the Board to change the form of statement used by State member banks until such time as similar changes could be made in the National bank report.

Following the discussion, Mr. James moved that Messrs. Goldenweiser and Smead make a thorough survey of all existing data and report the results thereof to the Board, with such recommendations as they may then deem advisable as to the methods of procuring additional data.

Mr. James' motion, being put by the Chair, was unanimously carried.

The Board then resumed consideration of the question of the collection by Federal Reserve banks, of non-cash items payable at street addresses and
Mr. James referred to a statement of the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis that it was the intention of that bank to continue the collection of such items with a charge for the service.

After a brief discussion, action was deferred until a meeting to be held tomorrow.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Approved:

[Signature]

Governor.