

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Federal Reserve Board was held in the office of the Federal Reserve Board on Tuesday, January 3, 1928 at 12:15 p.m.

PRESENT: Vice Governor Platt

Mr. Hamlin

Mr. James

Mr. Eddy, Secretary

PRESENT ALSO: Mr. Wyatt, General Counsel

The Secretary presented a communication from the State Department transmitting copy of a dispatch from the Charge d'Affaires ad interim at Havana, Cuba, dated December 19, 1927, advising of an interview had with the President of Cuba with respect to the matter of the tax in the amount of \$64,053.13 levied by the Cuban government on the exportation of currency from Havana by the Cuban Agency of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta during the year ended June 30, 1926; the Charge d'Affaires in his report advising that the Secretary of the Treasury of Cuba has been instructed to issue an order relieving the Agency from the tax and has been requested to discuss the subject with the attorney for the Agency. In his dispatch, the Charge d'Affaires also stated that up to the time of his report the interview between the Cuban Secretary of the Treasury and the attorney for the Agency had not taken place nor had the decree or order been promulgated, but that he expected it would be within the course of a few days.

Discussion ensued as to the advisability of the Secretary of the Board discussing with officials of the State Department the question of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta taking steps to instruct its attorney to attempt to secure a decree which would not only absolve the bank from the payment of the specific tax levied but exempt it from all taxation on future transactions involving the importation or exportation of currency from and

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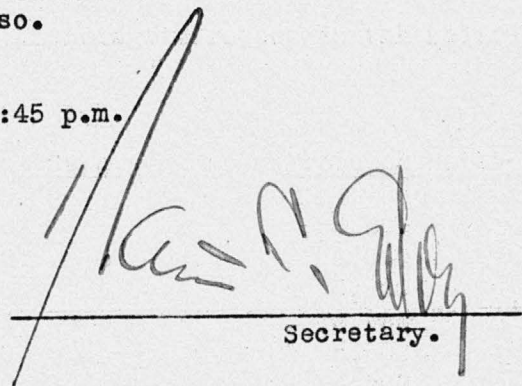
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to the United States. A discussion was also had as to the advisability of the Secretary of the Board informing officials of the State Department of arrangements made by him, and outlined to the Committee, with respect to relieving the Cuban Treasury through an operation of the Havana Agency of an excess accumulation of American standard silver dollars, subsidiary silver and minor coin.

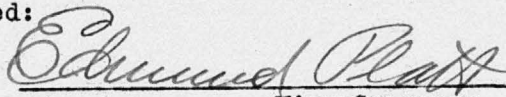
Following the discussion, the Secretary was instructed to discuss with officials of the State Department both the matter of a decree exempting the Cuban Agency from taxation on imports and exports of currency and the matter of relieving the Cuban Treasury of its excess American coin.

The Secretary and the Board's General Counsel were instructed to proceed to Atlanta for a discussion of both matters with officials of the Atlanta bank and to take such further steps in regard to the matters as the bank officials might desire them to take on behalf of the bank. Both the Secretary and the General Counsel were also instructed to proceed to Havana in connection with these matters, at the expense of the Atlanta bank, if the officials of the bank expressed a desire that they do so.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.


Secretary.

Approved:


Vice-Governor.