A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System was held in Washington on Saturday, December 10, 1938, at 11:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Eccles, Chairman
Mr. McKee
Mr. Davis
Mr. Draper
Mr. Morrill, Secretary
Mr. Bethea, Assistant Secretary
Mr. Carpenter, Assistant Secretary
Mr. Clayton, Assistant to the Chairman

The action stated with respect to each of the matters herein-after referred to was taken by the Board:

The minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System held on December 9, 1938, were approved unanimously.

Letter to Mr. Sinclair, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, reading as follows:

"This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 6 with respect to proposed increases in salaries of certain officers of your bank for the calendar year 1939.

"The salaries as shown in your letter will be reviewed by the Board and if it desires to take up any question with respect thereto with you before formal action is taken by your directors at their first meeting in January, 1939, it will do so before the end of this year."

Approved unanimously.

Letter to Mr. Day, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, reading as follows:
"This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 2 with respect to proposed increases in salaries of certain officers of your bank for the calendar year 1939.

"The salaries as shown in your letter will be reviewed by the Board and if it desires to take up any question with respect thereto with you before formal action is taken by your directors at their first meeting in January, 1939, it will do so before the end of this year."

Approved unanimously.

Telegram to Mr. Knoke, Vice President of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, reading as follows:

"Relet December 9. In conformity with action informally taken by a majority of the members of executive committee of your board of directors and with understanding that the action taken by your officers will be submitted to your board of directors at its next meeting for formal ratification and approval, Board of Governors approves your bank's advising Banco de Venezuela that your bank is prepared to receive and hold under earmark in the name of Banco de Venezuela, S. A. Caracas, Account G, gold received in conformity with terms of license granted your bank by Secretary of the Treasury as explained to Banco de Venezuela in your letters of May 12, 1937, and July 22, 1936, and that in the absence of the maintenance of an account with your bank the charge for the service will be one-half per mille per annum."

Approved unanimously.

Letter to Honorable Daniel C. Roper, Secretary of Commerce, reading as follows:

"We were sorry to learn from your letter of November 25 that funds for the collection of department store statistics have been eliminated from budget estimates for the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce for the next fiscal year."
"It is hoped that some means might yet be found by which the Department could undertake this useful work and thus preserve the continuity of existing series on department store operations."

Approved unanimously.

Thereupon the meeting adjourned.

Chairman.

Secretary.

Approved:

Chairman.