

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System was held in Washington on Thursday, November 7, 1940, at 11:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Ransom, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Szymczak  
Mr. McKee  
Mr. Davis  
Mr. Draper

Mr. Morrill, Secretary  
Mr. Carpenter, Assistant Secretary

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 November 6, 1940, were approved unanimously.

Letter to Mr. Harrison, Chairman, Presidents' Conference, reading as follows:

"Recently one of the Federal Reserve Banks that will have a substantial amount of net earnings remaining at the end of the year after the payment of dividends asked the Board for permission to use a part of such earnings to write down the book value of its bank premises. Since all of the Banks will have net earnings remaining after the payment of dividends, it might be worthwhile for the Presidents at their next conference, if one is held before the end of the year, to discuss the extent to which it is advisable to write down the book value of bank premises, both land and buildings, with the object, if practicable, of establishing a uniform System policy in this respect.

"It will, therefore, be appreciated if you will have this topic placed on the program for the next Presidents' Conference."

Approved unanimously.

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Letter to all Federal Reserve Agents, reading as follows:

"Reference is made to the Board's letters of June 20, 1939, S-165, and November 15, 1939, R-553, regarding the destruction of certain records of the Federal Reserve agents from the date of the organization of the Federal Reserve Banks to the date of the transfer of the non-statutory duties of the agents to the banks.

"Pursuant to the terms of the Act of August 5, 1939, concerning the disposition of certain records of the United States Government, permission has been granted in House Report No. 2775, 76th Congress, Third Session, dated July 11, 1940, for the disposition of certain records of the Federal Reserve agents as therein described. A copy of H.R. 2775 is enclosed.

"After giving careful consideration to the records contained in H.R. 2775, the Board of Governors is of the opinion that the following records listed therein should not be destroyed at this time but should be retained by the Federal Reserve agents for the periods indicated until further advice is received from the Board:

Item No.	Title or description	Retain reports for - (All dates inclusive)
1	F.R. 107. Report of earnings and dividends of State member bank	1916, 1921, 1926 to 1937
2	Treas. 2129. Report of earnings and dividends of national bank	1916, 1921, 1926 to 1937
3	F.R. 105. Report of condition of State member bank	June call dates, 1915 to 1925; June and December call dates, 1926 to 1937
4	Treas. 2130. Report of condition of national bank	June call dates, 1915 to 1925; June and December call dates, 1926 to 1937
11	Member banks' weekly condition reports	1927 to 1937
49	F.R. 240. Report of member firm of a national securities exchange	1935 to 1937
56	Reports of examinations made by - Comptroller of the Currency State banking departments Federal Reserve agents' examiners	1914 to Jan. 1937 1914 to 1933 1914 to Jan. 1937

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"In the discretion of each Federal Reserve agent, disposition of the remaining records listed in H.R. 2775 may, under the terms of Section 5 of the Act of August 5, 1939, be made by one of the following methods:

- (a) By sale, upon the best obtainable terms after due publication of notice inviting proposals therefor;
- (b) By causing them to be destroyed;
- (c) By transfer (without cost to the United States Government) to any State or dependency of the United States of America or to any appropriate educational institution, library, museum, historical, research, or patriotic organization therein, that has made application \*\*\* therefor, through the Archivist of the United States.

Records containing confidential information should not, of course, be disposed of by sale as waste paper unless their character as records has been destroyed. No records should be transferred to any library or other institution without the consent of the Board of Governors. If records are to be sold, a separate account should be kept of the cost of the sale and the amount of the purchase price received, and the net proceeds of the sale should be credited to the Treasurer's General Account. A report of the disposition of the records should be made to the Board of Governors on the attached form in duplicate."

Approved unanimously.

Thereupon the meeting adjourned.

Frederic M. Morley  
Secretary.

Approved:

[Signature]  
Vice Chairman.