

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System was held in Washington on Saturday, November 28, 1942, at 11:00 a.m.

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

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 November 27, 1942, were approved unanimously.

Memorandum dated November 27, 1942, from Mr. Smead, Chief of the Division of Bank Operations, recommending that the Board approve the temporary assignment of Frederick L. Alexander, Assistant Chief, Application and Records Division, Bank Examinations Department of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, to the Division of Bank Operations for a period of not to exceed two weeks beginning November 30, 1942. The memorandum also recommended that the Board authorize the reimbursement of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for actual subsistence and transportation expenses incurred by Mr. Alexander incident to his assignment. The memorandum stated that it was understood from Mr. Gidney, Vice President of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, that he would

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recommend that the Federal Reserve Bank not ask for any reimbursement of salary payments made by the Bank to Mr. Alexander.

Approved unanimously.

Memorandum dated November 25, 1942, from Mr. Goldenweiser, Director of the Division of Research and Statistics, submitting the resignation of Mrs. Margaret J. Collier as a clerk-stenographer in that Division, to become effective as of the close of business on December 14, 1942, and recommending that the resignation be accepted as of that date.

The resignation was accepted.

Memorandum dated November 27, 1942, from Mr. Morrill, submitting the resignation of James V. Minor, Jr., as a guard in the Secretary's Office, to become effective as of the close of business on December 8, 1942, and recommending that the resignation be accepted as of that date.

The resignation was accepted.

Telegram to the Presidents of all the Federal Reserve Banks, reading as follows:

"Re my letter November 6 requesting suggestions for personnel for Military Government Division of Army. We have now been requested to furnish information as to men from the Board and Reserve Banks who are officers in the Army and who, by training and experience, are particularly fitted to serve with the Military Government Division of the Army dealing with banking and financial phases of the work in occupied territories. Accordingly it will be appreciated if you will furnish us as promptly as possible the names and brief reference to the experience of any of your men who are now in the Army and have these qualifications.

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"We would also like to have similar information with respect to any commercial bankers from your District in the Army and whom you feel would be particularly qualified for this work. It is not contemplated, however, that you need make any canvass of the situation to develop the information re commercial bankers, but that you simply pass on any information which you may have or which may come to your attention."

Approved unanimously.

Telegram to Mr. Gilmore, Assistant Cashier of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, reading as follows:

"Retel November 25, S-592 concerning Regulation W was intended to give Federal Reserve Banks some general principles for ruling on individual cases. Believe it would be undesirable to give publicity to interpretation particularly in present form."

Approved unanimously.

Letter to Mr. Jesse Burkhead of the Bureau of the Budget, reading as follows:

"Under date of October 30 we forwarded to you a descriptive statement of the development of Regulation W and its administration for your use in connection with your work on the project of the Bureau of the Budget for compiling the history of administrative developments in the war program.

"Among other subjects in the outline submitted with your letter of August 15 were (1) the nature of Federal Reserve participation in Treasury financing activities, (2) reserve requirements, (3) title IV of the Second War Powers Act, and (4) the Victory Fund Committees. All of these subjects relate to the participation of the System in Treasury financing and are covered in the attached statement on that subject. It will be noted that the statement suggests that, inasmuch as the Victory Fund Committees are under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, information with respect to the composition of the committees, the administration of their activities, and the devices used by them to promote the sale of securities should be obtained from the Treasury where direct

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"contact with and a record of the activities of the committees are maintained. It is understood from one of our conversations that you will look to the Treasury for this information."

Approved unanimously.

Thereupon the meeting adjourned.

Chester Morris
Secretary.

Approved:

Donald J. Cannon
Vice Chairman.