A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve
System was held in Washington on Friday, June 22, 1945, at 2:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Eccles, Chairman
Mr. Szymczak
Mr. McKee
Mr. Draper
Mr. Evans

Mr. Morrill, Secretary
Mr. Carpenter, Assistant Secretary
Mr. Thurston, 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 June 20, 1945, were approved unanimously.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors of the
Federal Reserve System with the Presidents of the Federal Reserve
Banks held on June 21, 1945, were approved unanimously.

Telegrams to Mr. Flanders, President of the Federal Reserve
Bank of Boston, Messrs. Treiber and McCreedy, Secretaries of the Fed-
eral Reserve Banks of New York and Philadelphia, respectively, Mr.
McLarin, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, and Mr.
Stewart, Secretary of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, stating
that the Board approves the establishment without change by the Federal
Reserve Bank of St. Louis on June 19, by the Federal Reserve Bank of
Atlanta on June 20, by the Federal Reserve Banks of New York and Phila-
delphia on June 21, 1945, and by the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston
today of the rates of discount and purchase in their existing schedules.

Approved unanimously.
Memorandum dated June 19, 1945, from Mr. Thomas, Director of the Division of Research and Statistics, recommending that, effective as of the date upon which he enters upon the performance of his duties, William Granville Meader, Pfc., United States Army, be appointed as a library aid in that Division on a part-time temporary basis for a period of not to exceed three months, with basic salary at the rate of $1,200 per annum, plus 15 per cent additional compensation, for a 36-hour week, subject to the approval of his commanding officer, which it is understood will be forthcoming. The memorandum stated that Mr. Meader will not become a member of the Board’s retirement system.

Approved unanimously.

Letter to Mr. Gentry, First Vice President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, reading as follows:

"The Board of Governors approves the reestablishment of the position of Federal Reserve Agent’s Representative under the personnel classification plan of the El Paso Branch, as requested in your letter of June 14, 1945."

Approved unanimously.

Letter to Mr. Sproul, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, reading as follows:

"In your letter of May 25 you acknowledged the Board’s approval of the visit Mr. Knoke and Mr. Rozell are to make to European central banks, and asked what form of letter we have in mind to give them, since they are visiting central banks where Mr. Knoke is already known, and it will not be necessary for them to have letters of introduction or credentials in the usual sense."
"We thought it was clearly understood from the discussion in which you, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Knoke participated held on March 29 and from the subsequent correspondence on that meeting that representatives of the System traveling abroad would carry credentials from the Board as an evidence of coordinated System activity. In the memorandum of the conference on foreign missions May 4, which was sent you in our letter of May 16 and which you commented on in your letter of May 23, the following was said with respect to letters:

In the matter of credentials, Mr. Sproul thought it desirable not only that Bank representatives have credentials from the Board but that Board representatives who were calling on foreign central banks which maintained accounts with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York should bear letters of introduction also from the latter.

This statement was made with reference to the following sentence from the Summary on page 1 in the memorandum of March 29 which served as the basis of our discussion on May 4:

'Officers and employees of Federal Reserve Banks as well as of the Board going abroad should have prior approval and credentials from the Board, and reports of their missions should be made to the Board.'

"In view of the Board's responsibilities under Section 14 of the Federal Reserve Act and in order to maintain unity and consistency in the System's foreign relations, it seems appropriate that whoever goes on foreign missions should do so with formal credentials from the Board. The fact that a particular individual might or might not be well known personally would not be the determining factor in this procedure. There are two additional reasons why the letters we have in mind seem desirable. One is that the Board would like to use the occasion of the contemplated visits to send its greetings to the central banks concerned, and in this particular case it may be that Mr. Goldenweiser's visits will not be identical with those of Mr. Knoke and Mr. Rozell. The second consideration is that in the experience of Board representatives who have traveled abroad letters of introduction or credentials are useful to have on some incidental occasions, such as obtaining consideration and services for which a passport alone is not adequate.
"Drafts of such letters as we have in mind are enclosed, and we should like to have your comments upon them. Similar letters would be prepared for the other banks to be visited.

"P.S. This is the letter, together with the enclosures, discussed today in your meeting with Mr. Szymczak and Mr. Eccles in the latter's office."

Approved unanimously.

Telegram dated June 21, 1945, to the Presidents of all the Federal Reserve Banks, reading as follows:

"Board of Governors approves payment of regular semi-annual dividend June 30."

Approved unanimously.

Letter prepared for the signature of Chairman Eccles to Mr. Goldenweiser, Economic Adviser, Division of Research and Statistics, reading as follows:

"You are hereby authorized and directed to proceed to Europe, visiting England, Ireland, France, The Netherlands, Belgium, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, and such other countries as you may deem necessary on the official business of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, upon completion of which, unless otherwise directed, you will return to Washington, D. C.

"While absent from Washington upon the discharge of the above described duty your actual necessary transportation expenses, plus a per diem in lieu of subsistence of $20.00 covering the entire period of your absence, and other actual expenses incidental to the official purposes of your travel, will be paid from funds under the control of the Board. Reimbursement for expenses incurred will be allowed without regard to the provisions of the Board's travel regulations, upon the submission of a voucher or vouchers in such form and accompanied by such supporting papers as may meet with the approval of the Director of the Division of Administrative Services."

Approved unanimously, together with a suggestion contained in a memorandum dated June 14, 1945, from Mr. Hammond, Assistant Secretary, to Mr. Szymczak that an
advance of $2,500 be made to Mr. Goldenweiser to be used for subsistence and other expenses in connection with his trip, it being understood that he will execute an application for the advance giving as security the usual consent to deduct from his reserves in the retirement fund.

In connection with the above matter, Mr. Goldenweiser having indicated that he would like to carry travelers checks rather than currency for the payment of expenses during the trip, the payment by the Board of the fee for the issuance of the checks to Mr. Goldenweiser was approved unanimously.

Thereupon the meeting adjourned.

Chairman.

Approved:

Secretary.