Minutes of actions taken by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System on Monday, December 16, 1946.

PRESENT: Mr. Eccles, Chairman
Mr. Draper
Mr. Evans
Mr. Vardaman

Mr. Carpenter, Secretary
Mr. Sherman, Assistant Secretary
Mr. Morrill, Special Adviser
Mr. Thurston, Assistant to the Chairman

Minutes of actions taken by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System on December 10, 1946, were approved unanimously.

Minutes of actions taken by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System on December 12 and 13, 1946, were approved and the actions recorded therein were ratified unanimously.

Telegram to Mr. Treiber, Secretary of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, stating that the Board approves the establishment without change by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on December 13, 1946, of the rates of discount and purchase in its existing schedule.

Approved unanimously.

Memorandum dated December 16, 1946, from Mr. Bethea, Director of the Division of Administrative Services, recommending the appointment of Mrs. Anna E. Imhoff as a cafeteria helper in that Division, on a temporary basis for a period of two months, with basic salary at the rate of $1,822.00 per annum, effective as of the date upon which she enters upon the performance of her duties. The memorandum also stated that it was not contemplated that Mrs. Imhoff would be-

come a member of the Federal Reserve retirement system during her temporary employment.

Approved unanimously.

Letter to Mr. Young, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, reading as follows:

"The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System has considered the recommendations of your Bank contained in Mr. Diercks' letters of November 26 and 29, 1946, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 19 of the Federal Reserve Act grants permission to Peoples National Bank of Chicago and Bank of Rogers Park, both of Chicago, Illinois, to maintain the same reserves against deposits as are required to be maintained by reserve city banks, effective with the first weekly reserve computation period beginning after the date of this letter.

"Please advise the respective banks of the Board's action in this matter, calling their attention to the fact that such permission is subject to revocation at any time by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System."

Approved unanimously, Mr.
Ransom having stated that he
voted to approve.

Letter to Mr. Volberg, Vice President of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, reading as follows:

"This refers to your letter of November 20, 1946, addressed to Mr. Leonard, with further reference to the authorization of the Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association, San Francisco, California, to accept drafts or bills of exchange up to 100 per cent of its capital and surplus.

"It is noted from your letter that such authority was originally granted by the Board in October 1920, to the Merchants National Bank, Los Angeles; that in 1926, that bank merged with the Hellman Commercial Trust and Savings Bank under the title of Merchants
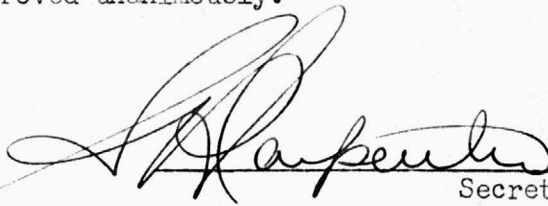
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"National Trust and Savings Bank, Los Angeles; that in
1928 the latter bank merged with the Bank of America of
California, a nonmember State bank, under the title of
Bank of America of California; and that in November 1930,
the latter institution merged with Bank of Italy National
Trust and Savings Association, under the title of Bank of
America National Trust and Savings Association.

"While we do not have available the files relating
to the various mergers above mentioned, it would appear
from the facts stated in your letter that the authoriza-
tion granted to the Merchants National Bank in 1920 lapsed
as the result of such mergers and that Bank of America
National Trust and Savings Association, San Francisco,
California, has never had such authority. Accordingly,
in the absence of information indicating the contrary,
we will continue not to include the name of that bank
among those which have been authorized by the Board to
accept drafts or bills of exchange up to 100 per cent
of their capital and surplus."

                       Approved unanimously.

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Approved:

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        Chairman.