Minutes of actions taken by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System on Tuesday, April 29, 1947.

> PRESENT: Mr. Draper, Chairman pro tem Mr. Evans Mr. Clayton

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

Memorandum dated April 24, 1947, from Mr. Thomas, Director of the Division of Research and Statistics, recommending that an increase in the basic salary of Mrs. Mary Jane Roberts, an economist in that Division, from \$3,773.40 to \$4,149.60 be approved effective May 4, 1947.

Approved unanimously.

Memorandum dated April 18, 1947, from Mr. Thomas, Director of the Division of Research and Statistics, recommending that an increase in the basic salary of Miss Nancy Schelling, a research assistant in that Division, from \$2,770.20 to \$3,146.40 per annum be approved effective May 4, 1947.

Approved unanimously.

Memorandum dated April 28, 1947, from Mr. Bethea, Director of the Division of Administrative Services, recommending the appointment of Mrs. Louise A. Wrightson as a charwoman in that Division, on a temporary basis for a period of two months, with basic salary at the rate of \$1,690 per annum, effective as of tha date

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upon which she enters upon the performance of her duties after having passed the usual physical examination. The memorandum also stated that Mrs. Wrightson had in the past been a member of the Civil Service retirement system, but that she would be excluded from that system during the period of her temporary appointment.

Approved unanimously.

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

"The Board of Governors approves the payment of salaries to the following officers of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia for the period May 1, 1947, through April 30, 1948, at the rates indicated, which are the rates fixed by the Board of Directors as reported in your letters of April 24 and April 25, 1947: Annual Salary Name Title \$25,000 President Alfred H. Williams 18,000 W. J. Davis First Vice President 14,000 Vice President and Secretary Wm. G. McCreedy 11,000 Robert N. Hilkert Vice President 14,000 E. C. Hill Vice President Vice President 10,000 C. A. McIlhenny 17,000 Vice President C. A. Sienkiewicz P. M. Poorman 12,000 Cashier 10,000 Assistant Vice President L. E. Donaldson Assistant Vice President and J. V. Vergari 7,700 Assistant Secretary Assistant Vice President and R. R. Williams 8,250 Assistant Secretary 7,700 Assistant Cashier W. M. Catanach Assistant Cashier 7,500 Richard G. Wilgus 12,000 Director of Research Karl R. Bopp 7,700 General Auditor Norman G. Dash "The Board of Governors also approves the payment of a

retainer fee to the firm of MacCoy, Brittain, Evans and Lewis

"at the rate of \$2,500 per annum, for the period May 1, 1947, through April 30, 1948. In this connection, however, the Board has reexamined the general question of the regular employment of outside counsel by Reserve Banks. You will recall the Board's letter (S-399, L.S.S. #9060) of December 5, 1941, which set forth the Board's position that as a matter of general policy, the legal work of each Reserve Bank should be conducted under the direction of a general counsel who devotes his full time to the Reserve Bank and represents only the Bank. With respect to the Banks which did not then have such counsel, the policy was regarded as an ultimate objective, and all of the Reserve Banks except your Bank and the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland now have their own full-time counsel. The Board continues to feel that the objective set forth in its letter of December 5, 1941, is sound. It also believes that the considerations which led to the retention of outside counsel by some Banks are no longer sufficient to justify continuing the arrangements, and that after April 30, 1948, each Reserve Bank should have its own counsel who devotes his full time to and who represents only the Bank. Accordingly, the Board will not expect to approve regular compensation for outside counsel when salaries are considered next year, and it has asked that these views be transmitted to you at this time in order that your Bank may plan to make appropriate arrangements."

Approved unanimously.

Letter to Mr. Gidney, President of the Federal Reserve Bank

of Cleveland, reading as follows:

"The Board of Governors approves the payment of salaries to the officers of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland and its Branches for the period May 1, 1947, through April 30, 1948, at the following rates which are the rates fixed by the Directors as reported in your letter of April 24, 1947:

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R.	м.	Gidney	President	\$25,000
W.	H.	Fletcher	First Vice President	18,000
Α.	H.	Laning	Vice President and Cashier	12,000
W.	D.	Fulton	Vice President	11,000

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"Name	<u>Title</u> <u>Annual</u>	Salary
M. Morrison	Vice President	\$ 9,000
W. F. Taylor	Vice President	10,000
	Vice President	12,500
R. R. Clouse	Assistant Vice President	9,500
W. L. Findeisen	Assistant Vice President	8,000
H. E. J. Smith	Assistant Vice President	8,500
	Assistant Vice President	8,000
J. B. Anderson	Assistant Cashier	6,450
C. J. Bolthouse	Assistant Cashier	8,000
G. H. Emde	Assistant Cashier	7,000
J. R. Lowe	Assistant Cashier	6,100
J. M. Miller	Assistant Cashier	6,100
	Assistant Cashier	6,100
W. T. Blair	Secretary	7,250
C. F. Ehninger	Auditor	8,500
L. M. Hostetler	Manager, Research Department	7,000
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B. J. Lazar	Vice President	13,500
H. N. Ott	Cashier	9,000
Phil J. Geers	Assistant Cashier	7,200
R. G. Johnson	Assistant Cashier	7,300
tedi econvint sets	Pittsburgh Branch	
J. W. Kossin	Vice President	14,250
A. G. Foster	Cashier	10,500
Clyde Harrell	Assistant Vice President	8,000
H. Nolte	Assistant Cashier	6,800
J. A. Schmidt	Assistant Cashier	7,250
R. J. Steinbrink	Assistant Cashier	7,000
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"The Board of Governors also approves the payment of a retainer fee to the firm of Squire, Sanders and Dempsey at the rate of \$7,500 per annum for the period May 1, 1947, through April 30, 1948. In this connection, however, the Board has reexamined the general question of the regular employment of outside counsel by Reserve Banks. You will recall the Board's letter (S-399, L.S.S. #9060) of December 5, 1941, which set forth the Board's position that as a matter of general policy, the legal work of each Reserve Bank should be conducted under the direction of a general counsel who devotes his full time to the Reserve Bank and represents only the Bank. With respect to the Banks which did not then have such counsel, the policy was regarded as an ultimate objective, and all of the Reserve Banks except your Bank and the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia now have their own full-time counsel. The Board continues to

"feel that the objective set forth in its letter of December 5, 1941, is sound. It also believes that the considerations which led to the retention of outside counsel by some Banks are no longer sufficient to justify continuing the arrangements, and that after April 30, 1948, each Reserve Bank should have its own counsel who devotes his full time to and who represents only the Bank. Accordingly, the Board will not expect to approve regular compensation for outside counsel when salaries are considered next year, and it has asked that these views be transmitted to you at this time in order that your Bank may plan to make appropriate arrangements."

Approved unanimously.

Telegram to Mr. Dillard, Vice President of the Federal Re-

serve Bank of Chicago, reading as follows:

"The listed article 'phonographs' under Regulation W does not include wire recorders as such but this ruling would not exempt wire recorders which are incorporated in radio receiving sets or combinations."

Approved unanimously.

Approved:

Chairman pro tem.