

Minutes of actions taken by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System on Monday, April 10, 1950.

PRESENT: Mr. McCabe, Chairman  
Mr. Eccles  
Mr. Szymczak  
Mr. Draper  
Mr. Vardaman

Mr. Carpenter, Secretary  
Mr. Sherman, Assistant Secretary  
Mr. Kenyon, Assistant Secretary

Minutes of actions taken by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System on March 21, 1950, were approved unanimously.

Minutes of actions taken by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System on March 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31, and April 3, 4, 6, and 7, 1950, were approved and the actions recorded therein were ratified unanimously.

Memorandum dated April 4, 1950, from Mr. Szymczak, recommending that Earle J. Wade, secretary to Mr. Sherman, Office of the Secretary, be transferred to Mr. Szymczak's office as a stenographer, with an increase in his salary from \$3,225 to \$3,600 per annum, effective April 16, 1950. The memorandum also stated that the Secretary's Office was agreeable to this transfer.

Approved unanimously.

Memorandum dated April 7, 1950, from Mr. Chase, requesting that the travel item in the budget of the Solicitor's Office for 1950 be increased by \$5,000.

Approved unanimously.

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

"Pending further consideration of recommendations for officers' salaries as contained in your letter of February 6, 1950, Board approves payment of salaries to officers of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and the Detroit Branch at the same rates in effect March 31, 1950, for the period beginning April 1, 1950, until further action."

Approved unanimously.

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

"In view of your recommendation and circumstances described in your letter of April 7, republication need not be required of revised December 31, 1949 condition report of Bank of Southern Utah, Cedar City, Utah."

Approved unanimously.

Letter to Mr. Wayne, Vice President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, reading as follows:

"In accordance with the request contained in your letter of April 6, 1950, the Board approves the designation of Paul W. Stephanz as a special assistant examiner for the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond."

Approved unanimously.

Letter to Mr. Luis Angel Arango, General Manager, Banco de la Republica, Bogota, Colombia, reading as follows:

"The Board is pleased to acknowledge receipt of your recent radiogram, addressed to Chairman McCabe, regarding the mission which we have authorized in compliance with the request of the Embassy of Colombia,

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"transmitted to us through the Department of State, for the purpose of studying the financial system and credit policies of your country and recommending such legislative and policy changes as appear advisable. We are gratified to note that the necessary arrangements therefor are to be carried out between the Banco de la Republica and the Board, and desire to express our appreciation of the generous offer of full collaboration which your Bank has extended.

"Under the plans which we propose, Mr. David L. Grove, Chief of the Latin American Section in the Division of Research and Statistics, and Mr. Gerald Alter, an economist on the Division's staff, would arrive in Colombia about the first of May and would spend approximately two weeks in a preliminary survey of your monetary and credit situation. They would explore with you and with interested government agencies the nature of the mission's task and its relationship to other matters in the field of economic policy which will be considered by the Colombian Government following the submission of the report of the mission sponsored by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

"Upon the completion of this period of study and consultation, concrete plans would be formulated to guide the work of our mission and an assessment would be made of the personnel requirements involved. It is contemplated that Mr. Alter might remain in Colombia for a period up to three months. While Mr. Grove would return to Washington he would retain close contact with the work and might return to Colombia during the final phases of the mission, particularly if consultation concerning legislative revisions is desired.

"The terms of the Board's authorization contemplate that Mr. Grove and Mr. Alter would continue in the Board's employ and would not receive any additional remuneration beyond their regular salaries from the Board. Your Bank would undertake to bear the cost of necessary travel involved, including transportation for Mrs. Alter if it is decided that she will join Mr. Alter in Bogota, and would provide the members of the mission, while they are away from Washington on account thereof, subsistence, including suitable living quarters in Colombia, either by reimbursement of actual expenses or by payment of a reasonable per diem, whichever may be your preference.

"Should these arrangements meet with your approval, we would be pleased to receive advice from you to that effect.

"We are gratified at the opportunity to be of assist-

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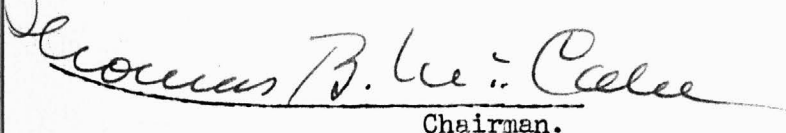
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"ance to your Bank and to your Government upon this occasion, and trust that the mission will serve to strengthen the bonds of good will which exist between our two nations."

Approved unanimously.

  
Secretary.

Approved:

  
Chairman.