FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK

[Circular No. 994] August 21, 1930]

New Counterfeit

To all Banks and Trust Companies in the Second Federal Reserve District and Others Concerned:

The Treasury Department in its circular letter No. 643 describes a new counterfeit as follows:

\$5 FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE

On the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Illinois; series of 1928; check letter "E"; face plate No. 7; back plate No. 137; H. T. Tate, Treasurer of the United States; A. W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury; portrait of Lincoln.

This counterfeit is a photo-mechanical production printed on one sheet of paper of fair quality. The face of the counterfeit is fairly deceptive except for the portrait which is too dark and reflects a smudgy appearance, resembling a newspaper etching. The back is printed in a dull green shade which fails to approximate the tone of the genuine.

The general appearance of this counterfeit will deceive the unwary handler of currency.

Specimen at hand bears serial No. A05286996A. The serial number on all notes issued on the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago should begin with the letter "G".

The Treasury Department, Secret Service Division, requests that banks and others to whom counterfeit Government obligations may be presented endeavor when practicable to obtain information regarding their source and history. Any information of this kind should be forwarded to the Treasury Department, Secret Service Division, Customs House, New York, N. Y.

George L. Harrison,

Governor.