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Fiscal Agent of the United States

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REGISTRATION OF DEFENSE SAVINGS BONDS OF SERIES E
IN THE NAMES OF MINORS

*To Issuing Agents in the Second Federal Reserve District
Qualified for Sale of Defense Savings Bonds of Series E:*

It has come to the attention of this bank that Defense Savings Bonds of Series E registered in the names of minors may not in all cases comply with the provisions of the Regulations Governing United States Savings Bonds (Treasury Department Circular No. 530, Fourth Revision, dated April 15, 1941).

In this connection we call your attention to Section 315.2 (c)(1) of such Regulations, which provides, in part, that:

“A minor, whether or not under legal guardianship, may be named as sole owner, coowner, or beneficiary, except that if the funds used for the purchase of the bonds already belong to the minor he may be named only as owner, without coowner or beneficiary. If a person named in the registration of a bond is under legal disability and a guardian or similar legal representative of his estate has been appointed, or is otherwise legally qualified, the registration should indicate such facts by the addition of appropriate words, for example, ‘Frank Jones, a minor under legal guardianship’, or ‘Henry Jones, an incompetent under legal guardianship’. Bonds should not be registered in the name of a person under disability for reasons other than minority, unless a legal representative of his estate has been appointed.”

Accordingly, Defense Savings Bonds of Series E may be registered in the name of a minor, provided that (1) if the funds used for the purchase of the bond already belong to the minor he may be named only as owner, without coowner or beneficiary, and (2) in every case in which a *guardian of the estate* of such minor has, in fact, been appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction or is otherwise legally qualified, appropriate words such as “a minor under legal guardianship” should be added after the name of such minor in such registration, whether such minor be named as owner or as beneficiary. If no guardian of the estate of the minor has been so appointed or qualified, words such as “a minor under legal guardianship” should *not* be added after the name of the minor in such registration. A voluntary or natural guardian, whose guardianship is founded merely on family or blood relationship to the minor, is not a guardian of the estate of the minor.

Any Defense Savings Bond of Series E, the registration of which does not comply with the foregoing requirements, will be reissued by this bank in the correct form, provided it is returned to this bank promptly by the issuing agent with an appropriate statement by the issuing agent to the effect that a guardian of the estate of the minor had or had not, as the case may be, been appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction or otherwise legally qualified and that the registration was made in error.

ALLAN SPROUL,
President.