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PRESS STATEMENT - RELEASED FOR MORNING PAPERS JANUARY 1, 1918.

Bankers and others having coupons to collect, due January 1, 1918, for foreign individuals, firms, corporations, or others, are not required, until further notice, to obtain licenses from the War Trade Board or authority from the Federal Reserve Board in order to make such collection; PROVIDED, that any funds so received which the collecting agency has reason to believe are the property of an enemy or ally of an enemy, or will be used for the benefit, directly or indirectly, of an enemy or ally of an enemy, must be held in separate account under notice to the Alien Property Custodian.