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ADDRESS REPLY TO FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD

October 23,1918.

X-1254

SUBJECT: DRAFTS DRAWN BY THE FOOD ADMINISTRATION

GRAIN CORPORATION ARE NOT SUBJECT TO

STAMP TAX.

Dear Sir:

The Board submitted to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue the question whether drafts drawn by the Food Administration Grain Corporation to finance the surplus wheat crop were subject to the stamp tax. In reply thereto, the Board has been advised as follows:

"As the Food administration Grain Corporation would in the transaction mentioned be acting as the direct agent of the United States in the exercise of a strictly governmental function, it is considered that the drafts so drawn would not be subject to stamp tax under the provisions of Sections 800 and 801 of the Act of October 3,1917."

Very truly yours,

Secretary.