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## STATEMENT FOR THE PRESS.

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The Federal Reserve Board makes the following announcement with reference to the hearing held in Washington on October 21, 1919, regarding the establishment of a branch Federal Reserve Bank by the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City in the southern territory of the Tenth Federal Reserve District.

"The Federal Reserve Board has considered the briefs and oral arguments presented by the respective petitioners in the matter of the establishment of a branch Federal Reserve Bank in the southern portion of the Tenth Federal Reserve District by the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, and has reached the following conclusions:

"While the portion of the district tributary to these cities is being well served in the matter of rediscount facilities by the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, it is the opinion of the Board, however, that a branch with limited powers in the matter of rediscounts, the activities of which should be devoted mainly to the forwarding and receipt of currency and to transit operations, would be a convenience to the member banks and to the public in the territory served by such branch, and would increase the efficiency of the transit system. In view of the proximity of Wichita to Kansas City, it is manifest that a branch located at that point would not give any appreciable additional facilities in this respect to the more remote portions of the District; and the Board will therefore direct the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City to establish a branch at either Oklahoma City or Tulsa. In view of the technical nature of transit operations, the Board has requested a report from the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, giving an analysis of the source, volume, and direction of outgoing business, and the volume and direction of incoming business, together with a complete analysis of all mail schedules with reference to the territory to be served by a branch located in one or the other of these two cities. The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City has therefore been directed to transmit to the Board, not later than November 25, 1919, the information called for, in order that a decision may be reached as to the proper location of a branch."