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Subject: Shipment of Currency by Registered
Mail at Parcel Post Rates.

Dear Sir :-

Referring to the Board's telegram of December 16, advising that arrangements have been made with the Post Office Department that, beginning January 15, 1920, currency in denominations of \$1, \$2 and \$5 may be shipped by Federal Reserve Banks and their Branches to correspondents and to Washington by registered mail, at Parcel Post rates, there follows a copy of the Post Office order, providing for this service, together with a statement giving full information concerning the manner of computing and paying postage on shipments and other conditions applicable thereto.

"Parcels containing currency of one or two dollar denomination or coin put up in fixed quantities as original sealed packages, offered for mailing by the Treasury Department, or its field service, or by Federal Reserve Banks or their branches, shall, if insured at the ten cent rate of insurance, be accepted at the fourth-class rate of postage and accorded the same treatment as registered mail. Similar parcels containing currency of five dollar denomination shall be given like treatment on payment of maximum insurance fee and the fourth-class rate of postage."

"Both the inner and outer wrappers of the packages of currency may be sealed when mailed at the fourth-class (parcel post) rates of postage under the provisions of the foregoing Order. Each parcel, except when sent under the conditions indicated in the next paragraph of this letter, must be stamped on the address side thereof "Insured", the number of the parcel placed thereon, and notation made immediately under this endorsement to the effect that by direction of the Post Office Department these articles are to be handled and accorded the same treatment as registered Mail.

"Original sealed packages of currency of the one, two and five-dollar denominations and coin mailed under the provisions of Order No. 3738, when sent by the Treasury Department or its field service to the Federal Reserve Banks or their branches, or by the Federal Reserve Banks or their branches to the Treasury Department or its field service, or from one to the other, may, when the quantity is sufficient to warrant such procedure, be put up in rotary lock pouches or sacks, provided postage and insurance fees at the rates prescribed by the Order are paid on the contents of each pouch, such charges to be based on each unit of 70 or 50 pounds or fraction thereof, according to the parcel post zone to which the shipments are addressed. For instance, in the case of a pouch containing 95 pounds of currency of the one or two-dollar denomination or coin going to the third zone, postage at the rate for that zone, namely six cents for the first pound and two cents for each additional pound or fraction thereof, would be paid on the equivalent of one 70-pound parcel and one 25-pound parcel, making the total postage charge for the contents of the pouch \$1.98. The insurance fees thereon would amount to 20 cents, making the total charges on the pouch \$2.18. Postage stamps in payment of these charges should be affixed to a tag or label securely attached to the pouch. The pouches or sacks in which shipments are made to the Federal Reserve Banks or their branches should be closed with the ordinary domestic rotary locks and not with T-locks, as the Federal Reserve Banks and their branches have not been furnished T-lock keys.

"The postmasters concerned will be instructed in regard to the foregoing. It is understood that you desire this to go into effect on January 15, 1920, and this will be satisfactory."

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

Letter to Governors of all F.R. Banks.