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Subject: Inter-district Time Schedule.

Dear Sir:-

Last August the Federal Reserve Board sent to all Federal Reserve Banks for checking and corrections, a proposed inter-district time schedule, which was based upon such information as the Board had from the Federal Reserve Banks at that time. When this schedule was revised it developed over one hundred inconsistencies in the transit time between given points. By means of correspondence with the several Federal Reserve Banks these inconsistencies were reduced by mutual agreement to about twenty. These latter discrepancies, which the Federal Reserve Banks were unable to harmonize among themselves, have now been adjusted by this office in strict compliance with railway time schedules as furnished by the Railway Mail Service and with due regard to the hours of clearing by the clearing houses of the various points concerned in the adjustment. You will find enclosed a copy of the completed schedule, which has been duly authorized by the Federal Reserve Board.

It is not expected that this inter-district schedule should be deemed immutable, but it is believed that under normal operations of the mail service the schedule, as now devised, will materially eliminate the inter-district float occasioned by checks and drafts in transit, and at the same time will be fair to the member banks. It seems important that the inter-district float should be reduced to the lowest possible point, so that when float is carried by a Federal Reserve Bank the remedy will lie entirely in its own hands through the correction of faulty intra-district schedules.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure.

Governor.

To Governors of all F.R. Banks

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