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Subject: Disposition of Note Fragments.

Dear Sir:-

For your information and for such action as you may deem necessary, in line with the suggestion made therein, there is quoted below an excerpt from a letter received from the Chief of the Secret Service Division of the Treasury Department.

" I am advised by our Detroit, Michigan, operative that fragments (particularly the ends) of currency notes are frequently found in the waste paper sold by the banks to contractors, and as these portions of bills are admirably adapted to the raising or altering of lower denominations to higher I respectfully request that instructions be issued to the Federal Reserve banks - and through them to the member banks - that an examination be made of the waste paper and other waste materials of the bank, and all fragments of currency collected and subsequently destroyed by burning in the furnaces of the building in which the bank is located or forwarded to the Department at Washington for destruction."

Very truly yours,

Governor.

To Governors of all F.R. Banks.