

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD

WASHINGTON

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August 9, 1921.

SUBJECT: Destruction of "punchings", cancelled paper currency.

Dear Sir:

The Treasury Department advises the Board that on several occasions recently there have been sent in to the Department for redemption by individuals residing in Federal Reserve Bank cities packages containing a quantity of pieces known as "punchings" cut from notes by cancelling machines.

This would indicate that all of the Federal Reserve Banks are not exercising due care in the matter of destroying "punchings" from notes that have passed through the cancelling machines. The suggestion is made by an official of the Treasury Department that all "punchings" should be gathered up and burned each day. This matter should have the attention of the officer of your bank who has supervision of this work.

Very truly yours,

G o v e r n o r .

TO THE GOVERNORS OF ALL FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS.