

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD  
WASHINGTON

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October 18, 1921.

SUBJECT: Treasury Checks stolen from the Federal  
Prison at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

For your information there is enclosed  
herewith copy of a memorandum addressed to the Board  
by the Chief of the Secret Service Division, Treasury  
Department, which is self explanatory.

Very truly yours,

Walter L. Eddy,  
Assistant Secretary.

Enclosure

TO GOVERNORS OF ALL F.R. BANKS.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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Washington

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October 17, 1921.

Secret Service Division

Memorandum for the Federal Reserve Board:  
(Attention Mr. Eddy, Secretary)

About a month ago you were good enough to notify the banks of the country through the Federal Reserve system of the theft of 155 United States treasury checks from the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kansas, and their circulation, after forgery, in the name of George E. Bates, by a man who represented himself to be a prison guard, wearing a badge, and carrying a forged letter of identification.

I am now glad to inform you that two men responsible for the forging and cashing of these checks have been arrested at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and 130 blank checks in their possession recovered.

I am also pleased to advise you that the man responsible for the circulation of checks purporting to have been issued by an officer of the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Claims, drawn on the Treasurer of the United States, and payable, in most instances, to George I. Mitchell, has been discovered, and no further danger from these checks need be apprehended. These checks were the subject of warning circulars from the Federal Reserve banks in the last part of September.

I thought perhaps this information might be valuable to the banks, in view of their cooperation with this Service, as I am convinced that it was because of this cooperation that the men were apprehended.

(Signed) W. H. MORAN

Chief.