

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD

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ADDRESS OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE TO
THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD

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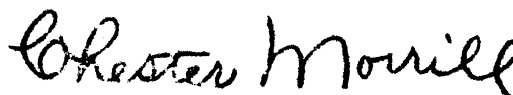
SUBJECT: Confidential character of reports of Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Dear Sir:

There is inclosed a copy of a letter dated July 26, 1935, from the Attorney General of the United States in which he stresses the fact that reports made by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in connection with the investigation of complaints referred to the Department of Justice are to be deemed confidential.

It will be appreciated if you will bring this matter to the attention of all officers and employees of your bank who may have occasion to handle reports of Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and request them to exercise extreme care in the matter of handling such reports in order that no information contained therein will be disclosed to persons not entitled thereto.

Very truly yours,



Chester Morrill,
Secretary.

Inclosure

TO ALL FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS.

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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 26, 1935.

Federal Reserve Board,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

In connection with the investigation of complaints referred to this Department by other Departments and Independent Establishments of the Government it has been the practice to furnish, for the information of the Department or Establishment in which the complaint originated, copies of the reports made by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. One instance has been called to my attention in which the information contained in such reports has been disclosed to persons not entitled to the same, which prompts me to write you and the Heads of the other Departments stressing the fact that reports of Special Agents are to be deemed confidential, inasmuch as the Agents will have great difficulty in procuring information if their reports are made available to persons under investigation or to those not officially entitled to the same.

I shall appreciate it if you will bring this matter to the attention of those in your Office who have occasion to handle reports of the above character.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) HOMER CUMMINGS

Attorney General.