

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OF THE
FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM
WASHINGTON

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ADDRESS OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE
TO THE BOARD

December 4, 1937.



Dear Mr.

Recently a suggestion was received from President Fleming of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland that it would be beneficial if meetings of the directors and officers of the Federal reserve banks with the Board of Governors could be arranged, either in groups of directors and officers or the directors and officers of individual Federal reserve banks. In its reply, a copy of which is attached, the Board has requested that President Fleming obtain the suggestions of the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland as to the details of a program for such meetings. It will be appreciated if you will discuss the matter with the board of directors of your bank in the light of the request made in the letter to President Fleming and advise the Board of the suggestions that your directors may wish to make.

When the suggestions of all Federal reserve banks have been received, the Board, sometime after the first of the year, will advise you of the program determined upon.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chester Morrill".

Chester Morrill,
Secretary.

Inclosure.

TO PRESIDENTS OF ALL FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS (Except Cleveland and Chicago.)

December 4, 1937.

Mr. M. J. Fleming, President,
Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

Mr. Szymczak brought to the attention of the Board your letter of November 15 with respect to meetings of directors and officers of the Federal reserve banks with the Board of Governors. The Board also received a letter dated November 19 from President Schaller, of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, transmitting a suggestion of the board of directors of that bank that a meeting of all directors of the Federal reserve banks be held at least annually at some point convenient for all directors.

The Board is in full accord with the thought that meetings with directors of Federal reserve banks from time to time would be very desirable. In this connection you may recall that in 1934 an attempt was made to arrange for meetings with boards of directors of the Federal reserve banks, but because of other demands it was not possible to work out a practical program, and the meetings were postponed. Certain questions of procedure have arisen in considering the idea upon which the Board would be glad to have the advice of your directors, and it will be appreciated if you will discuss the matter with them.

Naturally, the first question that arose was whether the meetings should be confined to directors only, or to directors and officers of the Federal reserve banks, and whether they should be extended to include directors of the branches. Even without the directors of the branches, it was pointed out that a meeting of all the directors and senior officers of the twelve Federal reserve banks would be quite large and might not be productive of the desired results. On the other hand, doubt was suggested as to whether a meeting with the directors and officers, including possibly, also, the directors of the branches of a single district, would be as desirable as a grouping of, say, three districts at one meeting.

Interwoven with these questions were the additional questions as to whether the meetings should be held in Washington or at some other place or places which might be convenient for the particular banks represented, and what sort of a program should be formulated, and by whom, as to the matters to be discussed.

The Board will be glad to have the benefit of the recommendations of your directors on these questions and is sending a copy of this letter to the President of each of the Federal reserve banks for the same purpose.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) Chester Morrill
Chester Morrill,
Secretary.