

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OF THE
FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM
WASHINGTON

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ADDRESS OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE
TO THE BOARD



July 16, 1937.

SUBJECT: Reports of Criminal Violations to
the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Dear Sir:

There is inclosed herewith a copy of a letter received by the Board from Assistant Attorney General Brien McMahon, in which it is suggested that copies of reports of violations of the criminal provisions of the banking laws of the United States which are commonly made to the Department of Justice be transmitted to the respective local offices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In this connection there is also inclosed a copy of a memorandum from the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation which contains a list of the field offices of the Bureau.

In accordance with the request of the Department of Justice, it will be appreciated if your bank will transmit to the appropriate field office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation a copy of each report of apparent violations of the criminal provisions of the banking laws of the United States which is made to the local United States Attorney and copies of which are transmitted to the Board of Governors pursuant to the procedure stated in the Board's letter of July 8, 1937 (S-12).

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. P. Bethea".

L. P. Bethea,
Assistant Secretary.

Inclosures.

TO PRESIDENTS OF ALL FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Washington, D. C.

June 18, 1937.

The Board of Governors,
Federal Reserve System,
Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

The question was presented to this Department sometime ago whether it would facilitate the investigation of alleged offenses at National banks if copies of the reports of National bank examiners were sent directly to the respective local offices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the field. The matter has been considered in this Department, and the conclusion reached that such plan would be of decided advantage. The Comptroller of the Currency has been advised accordingly, and the Department has been heretofore assured that the Comptroller will cooperate in carrying it into effect.

The question has also been suggested whether the same plan might be adopted with benefit in relation to state banks which are members of the Federal Reserve System, and I am presenting that suggestion herein for your consideration. You are fully aware how highly important it is in the enforcement of the criminal law that action be taken as promptly as possible. It is believed that that end would be promoted if it can be arranged without too great inconvenience for your examiners or other officials in the field to transmit to the respective local offices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation copies of such reports as you commonly transmit to this Department.

It is desired of course that the two copies for this Department shall be received here as in the past, the copy sent directly to the local office of the Bureau being an additional copy.

For your information, I am enclosing herewith photostatic copies of the letter of January 9, 1937 received from the Comptroller of the Currency on this subject, and a memorandum of April 22, 1937 from the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in which, among other things, he lists all of the present existing field offices of the Bureau.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

(Signed) Brien McMahon

BRIEN McMAHON

Assistant Attorney General.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Washington, D. C.

April 22, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL McMAHON

Attention: Mr. Ramsey

Reference is made to your memorandum dated January 27, 1937, suggesting that it may be an advantage to the service to have the practice adopted of chief national bank examiners furnishing field divisions of this Bureau with copies of reports on criminal violations in national banks.

It is believed that this procedure would have a decided advantage in causing cases to be speedily referred to field divisions for investigative action and the same meets with the approval of this Bureau. It is also suggested that the Federal Reserve Board might be willing to adopt the same practice with reference to state member banks of the Federal Reserve System.

For your information, the following is a list of the field divisions to which cases should be referred by the several chief national bank examiners throughout the United States; the letters to be addressed to the Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, at the following addresses:

Aberdeen, South Dakota	- 610 Alonzo Ward Hotel Building
Atlanta, Georgia	- 501 Healey Building
Birmingham, Alabama	- 320 Federal Building
Boston, Massachusetts	- 10 Post Office Square, Room 950
Buffalo, New York	- 400 U. S. Court House Building
Butte, Montana	- 302 Federal Building
Charlotte, North Carolina	- 234 Federal Building
Chicago, Illinois	- 1900 Bankers' Building
Cincinnati, Ohio	- 1130 Enquirer Building
Cleveland, Ohio	- 1448 Standard Building
Dallas, Texas	- 1206 Tower Petroleum Building
Denver, Colorado	- 722 Midland Savings Building
Detroit, Michigan	- 911 Federal Building
El Paso, Texas	- 202 U. S. Court House Building
Indianapolis, Indiana	- 506 Fletcher Trust Building
Kansas City, Missouri	- 1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Little Rock, Arkansas	- 500 Rector Building

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Los Angeles, California	- 903 Pacific Commerce Building
Louisville, Kentucky	- 775 Starks Building
Miami, Florida	- 1300 Biscayne Building
Milwaukee, Wisconsin	- 1021 Bankers' Building
Nashville, Tennessee	- 508 Medical Arts Building
Newark, New Jersey	- 936 Raymond-Commerce Building
New Orleans, Louisiana	- 1308 Masonic Temple Building
New York, New York	- 607 U. S. Court House, Foley Square
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	- 224 Federal Building
Omaha, Nebraska	- 629 First National Bank Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	- 1300 Liberty Trust Building
Phoenix, Arizona	- 316 Security Building
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	- 620 New Federal Building
Portland, Oregon	- 411 U. S. Court House Building
Salt Lake City, Utah	- 301 Continental Bank Building
San Antonio, Texas	- 1216 Smith-Young Tower Building
San Francisco, California	- Suite 1105, Mills Tower Building
St. Louis, Missouri	- 423 U. S. Court House and Custom House
St. Paul, Minnesota	- 404 New York Building
Washington, D. C.	- 4244 United States Department of Justice Building.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. E. HOOVER

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.