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Press Statement

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Preliminary figures received by the Board of Governors from the Federal Reserve banks indicate that current earnings of the Federal Reserve banks during 1938 amounted to \$36,261,000, or \$4,972,000 less than in 1937, while current expenses were \$28,912,000, or \$111,000 more than the previous year. Current net earnings for 1938 were \$7,350,000 as compared with \$12,433,000 in 1937.

Additions to current net earnings amounted to \$9,833,000 and consisted chiefly of profits realized on the sale of United States Government securities. Deductions from current net earnings of \$7,601,000 include prior service contributions to the Retirement System and special charge-offs and additions to reserves. Making these additions to and deductions from current net earnings leaves net earnings for the year available for dividends, surplus, etc., in the amount of \$9,582,000, as compared with \$10,801,000 for 1937. The net earnings for 1938 were distributed as follows: Dividends to member banks - \$8,019,000; payments to Treasury of the United States under provisions of Section 13b of the Federal Reserve Act relating to industrial advances - \$120,000; net additions to surplus accounts - \$1,443,000.