

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OF THE
FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM
WASHINGTON

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ADDRESS OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE
TO THE BOARD



January 22, 1940

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed, for your information, a copy of a letter which was sent to one of the Federal Reserve banks on January 18, 1940, regarding the elimination of certain words from the Inter-district Settlement Fund telegrams.

In the future, when there is a holiday at a given bank or branch, the code words representing the bank or branch will not be shown in our transit clearing telegrams.

Very truly yours,

J. R. Van Fossen
J. R. Van Fossen, Assistant Chief,
Division of Bank Operations.

Enclosure

TO THE PRESIDENTS OF ALL FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS EXCEPT
ST. LOUIS

January 18, 1940

Mr. O. M. Attebery, Vice President,
Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Olin:

I was pleased to receive your letter of January 9, enclosing a memorandum prepared by Mr. Dwyer, Assistant Head of your Accounting Department, regarding the elimination of certain words from the Interdistrict Settlement telegrams.

We are always glad to receive any suggestions, which, if adopted, would tend to reduce expenses and I have had a survey made for the purpose of determining whether it would appear practicable to eliminate certain words from the Interdistrict Settlement telegrams as suggested.

It is assumed that Mr. Dwyer's memorandum relates to the transit clearing telegrams, since an examination of your Bank's note clearing telegrams indicates that code words and amounts are shown only where shipments of Federal Reserve notes have actually been made.

In the case of the transit clearing telegrams, when there is a holiday at a given bank, it will be perfectly agreeable to us if the code word representing the bank is eliminated, together with the word "holiday" or a dash.

When all banks and branches are open for business, however, and there happen to be no credits for a given bank or branch, we would prefer to have the telegrams sent as heretofore without eliminating any words. The reason for this is that the outgoing telegrams are prepared on an adding machine directly from the incoming telegrams and the men who handle this work feel that it would be rather confusing to them in calling the figures if a bank were dropped out of one telegram but not out of all telegrams, as is the case when there is a holiday.

Best regards.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E. L. Smead

E. L. Smead, Chief,
Division of Bank Operations.