

BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
OF THE  
FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM  
WASHINGTON

R-606

ADDRESS OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE  
TO THE BOARD



January 31, 1940

Dear Sir:

For your information there is enclosed herewith a copy of a letter which the Board is today addressing to the Chairman of the Presidents' Conference of the Federal Reserve Banks, and copies of the enclosures therewith, with reference to a suggestion as to the possibility of a uniform size of paper for the regulations, circulars and general letters of the Board of Governors and the Federal Reserve banks.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. P. Bethea".

L. P. Bethea,  
Assistant Secretary.

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TO THE PRESIDENTS OF ALL FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS  
EXCEPT NEW YORK

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January 31, 1940

Mr. G. L. Harrison, Chairman,  
Presidents' Conference,  
Federal Reserve Bank of New York,  
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Harrison:

There is enclosed herewith a copy of a letter received by the Board of Governors from the Cashier of The First National Bank and Trust Company of Tulsa, Oklahoma, suggesting the possibility of a uniform size of paper for the regulations, circulars, and general letters of the Board of Governors and the Federal Reserve banks. There is also enclosed a copy of the Board's reply.

Feeling that the subject is one which is worthy of careful consideration, the Board would like to obtain the views of the Presidents' Conference as to the desirability and feasibility of the proposal and suggests that it be given consideration by the Conference.

In order that the other Federal Reserve banks may be informed with respect to this matter, we are sending copies of this letter and of its enclosures to them.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) L. P. Bethea

L. P. Bethea,  
Assistant Secretary.

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THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK  
AND TRUST COMPANY

Tulsa, Oklahoma

January 13, 1940

Federal Reserve Board  
Washington  
D. C.

Gentlemen:

We get some of our best suggestions from the most unexpected places, perhaps it is the same with you.

The suggestion I have to make is in regard to the lack of uniformity in the size of your regulations, supplements, letters, et cetera. The book of regulations from the Federal Reserve Board, and from the Federal Reserve Bank of our district, which I have been trying to keep is about the most unsightly of all the accumulation of laws and services we have on hand. I have heard representatives of the operating and legal departments of other banks say substantially the same thing.

I suggest that you consider the appointment of a committee to work out a uniform size of sheet for all these regulations and general letters and also that they be designed for some uniform binding, such as a three-ring binder or other book which can be purchased in most stationery stores.

I would be pleased to know what you think of this idea and if I can be of service to you please let me know.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) E. W. Pollock

E. W. Pollock

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January 31, 1940

Mr. E. W. Pollock, Cashier,  
The First National Bank and Trust Company,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

We always welcome suggestions from the member banks of the Federal Reserve System and appreciate your letter of January 18, 1940, in which you suggest the possibility of a uniform size of paper for the regulations and general letters of the Board of Governors and the Federal Reserve banks.

As you know, the regulations of the Board of Governors are now published on paper of uniform size. It is also the policy of the Board, with few exceptions, whenever a regulation is amended, to reprint the entire regulation. However, the size of the Board's regulations differs from the size of some of the circulars and general letters of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, and it is recognized that a uniform size for all of these documents would be much more convenient for the member banks and others using them.

We are glad to advise you that steps are being taken to have the feasibility of your suggestion studied in consultation with the various Federal Reserve banks, and it is hoped that after investigation some way may be found to bring about a more convenient arrangement.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) L. P. Bethea

L. P. Bethea,  
Assistant Secretary.