



BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OF THE
FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM
WASHINGTON

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ADDRESS OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE
TO THE BOARD

December 22, 1941

Dear Sir:

For your information you will find attached a copy of a letter from Honorable Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, dated December 10, relating to a survey of solid fuels used by the United States Government, and a copy of the Board's reply of December 20.

Very truly yours,

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

Chester Morrill,
Secretary.

Enclosures

TO THE PRESIDENTS OF ALL FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

Washington

December 10, 1941

Hon. Marriner S. Eccles, Chairman,

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

My dear Mr. Eccles:

This is to request information on the use of solid fuels within your Agency.

The President, in asking me to act as solid fuels coordinator for national defense, specified certain duties, among which is the one to obtain current data on fuel needs. In this regard, it is essential that I have information on fuel requirements of the United States Government which is a large user of coal in particular. A similar request is being sent to the other Federal Agencies.

The information reported will be tabulated to show the fuel consumption of the Government by regions during the present calendar year, stocks on hand at the end of the year, and the estimated requirements for 1942. Enclosed are forms upon which the data may be listed. It is urged that the information be submitted as promptly as possible.

It may happen that the information to be listed in the above forms is not available in your central office and its assemblage will necessitate a canvass of field offices or local installations. For purposes of such a canvass, a special form, S.F.C. No. 4, has been prepared, copies of which will be furnished to your office upon request.

I earnestly recommend that all Agencies of the United States Government plan their fuel purchases to provide a comparatively large supply for storage purposes. Government activities must be protected from interruptions due to temporary fuel shortages caused by disturbances in mining and distribution.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Harold L. Ickes

Secretary of the Interior.

December 20, 1941

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

Chairman Eccles has asked me to reply to your letter of December 10 requesting information on the use of solid fuels. It is noted that the information which you desire relates to fuel requirements of the United States Government and that the information reported will be tabulated to show the fuel consumption of the Government by regions.

In view of these statements in your letter as to the purpose of the inquiry, we feel that you should be advised that the requirements of the building occupied by the Board of Governors at 20th and Constitution Avenue in this city for purposes for which solid fuels would be required are met through steam furnished by the Central Heating Plant, electricity furnished by the Potomac Electric Power Company, and gas furnished by the Washington Gas Light Company, so that the Board of Governors does not purchase or carry any stocks of solid fuels.

The Board of Governors, under the provisions of the Federal Reserve Act, has general supervision over the operations of the Federal Reserve Banks, each of which and its branches, if any, are located in one of the twelve Federal Reserve districts of the United States. While these Banks are incorporated under the Federal Reserve Act, the fuel requirements for their buildings are not supplied by the Government and the properties which they occupy are not Government properties.

In the circumstances, it is assumed that it would not serve your purpose to fill out the forms referred to in your letter so far as the Federal Reserve System is concerned.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Chester Morrill

Chester Morrill,
Secretary.