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TELEGRAM

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An inquiry which may be stated as follows has been received under Regulation W:

"A mortgagee, who has made a loan of \$2,000 secured by a first mortgage, advances \$400 more to the same borrower but instead of combining the two transactions into one debt secured by one mortgage, the lender takes another note and a second mortgage. Can the latter mortgage be regarded as a 'first lien' within the meaning of section 6(a)?"

The Board is of the opinion that the second mortgage securing the additional loan of \$400 may not be regarded as a "first lien" within the meaning of section 6(a).

(Signed) Chester Morrill

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