

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OF THE
FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM
WASHINGTON

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ADDRESS OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE
TO THE BOARD

January 22, 1942



Dear Sir:

There are enclosed for your information a copy of a Code of Wartime Practices for the American Press and a copy of Rules for the Guidance of Persons Corresponding with Foreign Countries issued by the Office of Censorship. That Office has also recently issued a code covering the operations of radio stations and a copy of this code will be furnished you as soon as available.

Arrangements have been made with the Office of Censorship to furnish Governor Draper with a supply of copies of future releases by the Office of Censorship to enable him to furnish a copy of each such release to each of the Federal Reserve Banks.

In connection with the press and radio codes above referred to, we have been advised by the Director of Censorship as follows:

"Upon instructions from the President, the Office of Censorship has undertaken to enlist the voluntary cooperation of the press and radio to prevent the domestic dissemination of information of aid to the enemy. Pursuant to that undertaking, this Office has distributed the attached codes of practice for publications and radio stations.

"This voluntary effort cannot possibly succeed if there are confusions and contradictions in the dealings of individual departments and agencies of the government with the press and radio.

"It therefore is requested that if at any time any official of your System either in Washington or in the field, desires that the press or radio or any part of it be requested to withhold dissemination of information, the request be transmitted to the Office of Censorship,

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rather than to any newspaper or news agency or any radio station direct.

"It should be emphasized that this request relates solely to the withholding of information from publication or broadcasting, and in no way refers to any affirmative action on the part of your System in making news available."

As you have heretofore been advised, Governor Draper has been designated as the Board's representative on the Censorship Operating Board and, if you should have any problem of the kind indicated in the above quotation, he will be glad to take it up with the Office of Censorship.

Very truly yours,



S. R. Carpenter,
Assistant Secretary.

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TO THE PRESIDENTS OF ALL FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS

(Enclosures with addressed copies only)