

BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
OF THE  
FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM  
WASHINGTON

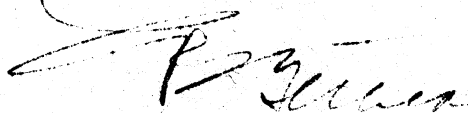
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ADDRESS OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE  
TO THE BOARD

March 21, 1942

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed a copy of a letter, dated March 11, 1942, from the Director of the Mint requesting the cooperation of the Federal Reserve System in the return of empty coin bags, together with a copy of the Board's reply. Your continued cooperation in this matter will, of course, be appreciated.

Very truly yours,



L. P. Bethea,  
Assistant Secretary.

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TO THE PRESIDENTS OF ALL FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS

FOR VICTORY



TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
Washington

March 11, 1942

Board of Governors of the  
Federal Reserve System,  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The United States Mint Establishment is requesting the cooperation of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and of the Federal Reserve Banks and Branch Banks of the Country, as a part of the war effort, by returning to the coinage Mints empty coin bags as they accumulate from time to time.

This request has become necessary by reason of the fact that we are no longer able to procure heavy twill of the type heretofore used, due to the rejection by the Priorities Board of our requests, with the explanation that the "total supply of cotton twill is needed by the armed forces". This rejection was made early in February 1942, and upon appeal was repeated early in March.

As you are aware, there is real need for stout containers to guard against loss of coin in transit, and it is believed that many of the bags which have been previously used could be returned to the Mints at small cost, and again serve a useful purpose in connection with subsequent shipments. It seems probable that associate banks would cooperate in surrendering their bags to the Reserve Banks and Branches for return to the coinage Mint from which shipped.

It is proposed that lots of bags be shipped by freight, on Government bills of lading, and that the bills of the carriers will be rendered to the Director of the Mint in Washington. In issuing bills of lading, the space near the top thereof should be filled in to show that the carrier's bills should be rendered to the Director of the Mint, Washington, and that the transportation costs will be chargeable to the appropriation Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices. It is understood that some (possibly all) of the Federal Reserve Banks and Branches have Government bill-of-lading forms on hand. If not, the Director of the Mint will be glad to supply same upon request. In making request, the approximate quantity needed should be indicated.

If this proposal meets with your approval we will be glad to take such steps as will be of assistance in inaugurating the activity.

The cooperation of the Banking System in this respect will be much appreciated by the Mint Establishment and will be helpful, as indicated above, as part of the war effort.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Nellie Tayloe Ross

Director of the Mint.

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March 21, 1942.

Hon. Nellie Tayloe Ross,  
Director of the Mint,  
Treasury Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Ross:

Reference is made to your letter of March 11, 1942, requesting the cooperation of the Federal Reserve System, as part of the war effort, in returning to the coinage mints empty coin bags as they accumulate from time to time.

A copy of your letter is being sent to all Federal Reserve Banks and we are sure that they will continue to cooperate with your office in this matter to the fullest extent. Incidentally, a number of Reserve Banks forwarded circulars to their member banks regarding the return of empty coin bags after receiving Mr. Julian's letter of February 23, 1942, requesting advice as to what might be done in the matter of recovering coin bags from member banks and other financial institutions.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) L. P. Bethea

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Assistant Secretary.