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FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD

WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF VICE GOVERNOR

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Dear Governor Young:

Mr. Miller returned to Washington yesterday and Mr. Hamlin this morning, and at eleven o'clock we had a meeting of the Board with six members present, including the Secretary of the Treasury and the Comptroller. There was a rather long discussion of the Chicago rate increase but it was finally approved, with Mr. James and Mr. McIntosh voting "no."

Mr. Hamlin on his way down from his summer home stopped over in New York on Monday and talked over matters with the Executive Committee which included Mr. Owen Young, Mr. Woolley and Mr. Reynolds. The upshot of the conversation was that they thought it would be helpful to have the Chicago rate increase approved, and believed they would have to advance their own rate to 5 per cent either this coming Thursday or in the very near future. Our Board after approving the Chicago rate discussed the New York proposition and a resolution was passed giving any three members of the Board present authority to approve increases of rates up to 5 per cent, by majority vote. Mr. Case called me up about three o'clock and stated that he rather thought they would increase on Thursday, though it will depend somewhat on what develops tomorrow. Mr. McIntosh, by the way, stated that he would vote for a 5 per cent rate in New York. Secretary Mellon expressed the opinion that the sooner these rate increases came the better and that they should make it possible to relax rates somewhat later in the summer or early in the fall.

That is about all there is to report, excepting that I have been going over the big pile of stuff Mr. Gilbert left on your desk. I have written a few letters of my own, replies to some of which have already come in and have had Gilbert re-write in an entirely different vein some of the others. I held out all the Minnesota cases and still have a number of others that I have done nothing with. Gilbert has been a terrible nuisance, in my office four or five times a day, and rather insistent that one or two letters should be written that I had been unwilling to write. I don't know that you would approve of any of this but it seemed to me that it would be well to get the stuff cleared off, so far as possible, before you came back. The replies received appear to me to show that the Federal Reserve Agents have these matters sufficiently in hand and don't very greatly need any "poking-up." On the other hand, the replies have filled in some gaps in our files, so far as information is concerned, and possibly in one or two cases have resulted in little closer contact on the part of the Agents.

Yours very truly,

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