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To Board of Governors.

Subject: Expenses of Secretary's

From Office of the Secretary.

Office of Federal Advisory Council.

Summary: Since 1954 each Federal Reserve Bank has been authorized to pay not to exceed \$450 annually to cover the expenses of the Secretary's Office of the Federal Advisory Council. The Council, at its recent meeting, concluded that the annual payment should be increased to \$1,000.

Recommendation. It is recommended that the Board of Directors of each Federal Reserve Bank be authorized to pay not to exceed \$1,000 annually toward the expenses of the Secretary's Office of the Council. A draft of a telegram is attached.

Comment. In 1936 the Reserve Banks were each authorized to pay \$350 annually to cover the expenses of the Secretary's Office. This authorization was increased to \$450 in 1954 and has not been changed since then.

At its recent meeting the Council considered the matter and concluded that an increase in the authorization to \$1,000 for each Federal Reserve Bank would be justified. It is understood, incidentally, that the question of an increased payment did not originate with the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Council, who, as the Board knows, are affiliated with the First National Bank of Chicago. However, according to the President of the Council it appeared to the Council that some increase in the modest stipend paid to the Secretary and Assistant Secretary for their service was in order. It was believed that the total payments of \$12,000 each year would, after settlement for stenographic and miscellaneous out-of-pocket expenses, perhaps leave a small margin, which would be held in reserve.

  
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